

THURSDAY  
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### Bay St. Louis road closings

Kappa Development & General Contracting will be closing part of Sycamore Street in Bay St. Louis to through-traffic from the intersection of St. Francis Street to the Blaise Ave. intersection in accordance with safety guidelines for phase 3 of the city's drainage project. Construction is expected to continue for about four weeks. One lane will be left open so residents along the closed section may have free access.

### Thanksgiving dinner -- free

On Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 25, free Thanksgiving dinner will be offered to, according to a press release, "All large families, small families and singles -- everyone welcome."

Participants may either dine in or carry out, at the American Legion hall off Hwy. 90 at Green meadows Blvd. in Bay St. Louis. The menu includes sliced turkey with gravy, stuffing, mashed potatoes, a vegetable salad, dessert, and iced tea, coffee or milk.

The free dinner will be available from 11 a.m. until 2 p.m.

### Little Rock Baptist Choir

The Little Rock Baptist Church, 4912 Gautier Street in Moss Point, will celebrate annual Choir Day on Sunday, Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. Guest speaker will be Dr. L. E. Morris Sr., pastor of New Home Baptist Church in Gautier.

### TIDES

DAY	HIGH	LOW
Mon. 10:40 p. 2:05 a.		
Tue. 9:57 a. 7:29 a.		
Sat. 10:11 p. 8:15 a.		
Sun. 10:42 p. 9:06 a.		
Mon. 10:42 p. 9:06 a.		
Tues. 11:22 p. 9:59 a.		
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Thurs. 12:08 a. 11:51 a.		

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## Sheriff not 'riding into sunset'

BY ED LEPOMA

Monday's Board of Supervisors meeting in Hancock County was more chaotic than usual.

Supervisors, department heads and those wanting to address the Board arrived at the downtown Courthouse before 9 a.m. and learned the meeting could not be held in the second-floor Board meeting room. That was being used by jurors deciding a capital murder case.

Instead, the Board opted to use a small conference room adjacent to the clerk's office, and because of the tight confines, there were chairs available for only about a dozen or so. Others wanting to address the board had to wait in the outside lobby.

In the midst of the meeting, two Bay St. Louis fire trucks pulled up to the historic County Courthouse on Main Street. Something smelled like it was burning in the Circuit

Courtroom, where Judge Robert Walker was instructing jurors on sentencing in the murder trial.

It turned out one of the ballast was burning in an overhead fluorescent light, and once discovered, it was not necessary to evacuate the entire courthouse.

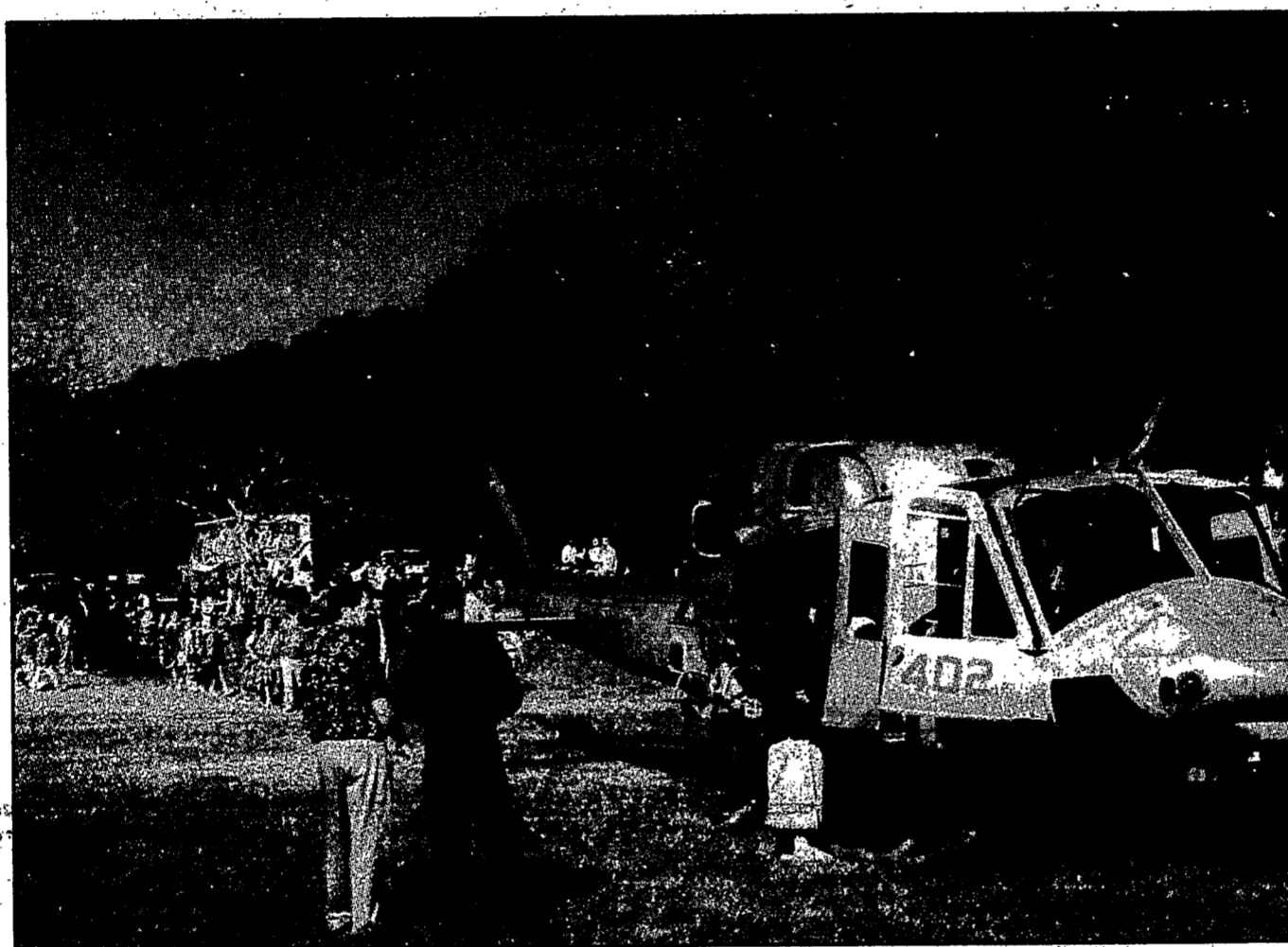
Supervisors instructed Chancery Court Clerk and County Administrator Tim Kellar to contact an electrician

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Sheriff Ronnie Peterson is accompanied by Sheriff-elect Steve Garber Monday as he asks to resign effective Dec. 31. Pending approval from state officials, Peterson persuaded supervisors to let him hire Garber Dec. 10 in order to make the transition smoother. Echo staff photo by Ed Lepoma

### Show & tell



Marine Reservist Maj. Allan Young of Pass Christian brings a UH-1N Huey helicopter from Belle Chase, La., for his son's show & tell day at Coast Episcopal School in Bay St. Louis Wednesday. This is the second year in a row Young has been able to bring a chopper for the class to explore, he said, and he hopes to make it an annual tradition. Echo staff photo by Geoff Belcher

## LaFontaine wins runoff for election commission

BY GEOFF BELCHER

Hancock County has a new District 1 election commissioner ... sort of.

Pamela Nussbaum LaFontaine defeated fellow Democrat Eddie Bourgeois 323-102 in a special runoff election Tuesday night.

Circuit Clerk Pam Metzler said yesterday that voter turn-out was good considering there was only one race on the ballot.

Neither candidate had received a 50 percent plus one majority vote in a special Nov. 2 election race during the general election, when LaFontaine earned 940 votes; Bourgeois 550; and Republican Lem McCoy, 544.

LaFontaine is not exactly new to the position -- she was appointed interim District 1 commissioner when Jim Odom resigned the office to seek the Hancock County coroner's post. Incumbent Norma Stiglet defeated Odom in the



LaFontaine

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## Council upgrades pipeline, slashes Hope Haven funding

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Bay St. Louis City Council put more work in the drainage upgrade pipeline Tuesday, and turned on the tap for \$377,000 in water system improvements.

Council also approved amendments to the city code that should help lower homeowners flood insurance rates, but one of the changes will impact future expansions of Hancock Medical Center, officials said.

Council members ended a protracted meeting late in the night by agreeing to slash Hope Haven funding by \$15,000 -- setting an appropriation of only

\$5,000 for the local children's sanctuary. In all, council came up with an extra \$17,500 to apply toward its escalating costs in capital improvements, sweeping away \$2,500 it had previously tagged for "other," discretionary spending.

Council had agreed earlier this month to a request by Ward 3 council member Connie Lampley to authorize engineering work to deal with collapsing and malfunctioning drainage ditches in the 400 blocks of St. John and Easterbrook streets.

Tuesday, Ward 4 council member Tad Black said he'd missed that meeting due to ill-

ness. But Black was successful Tuesday night in adding engineering work in his ward as well, addressing the 400 blocks of Citizen and Ballentine streets.

The city is amid \$11 million worth of capital improvements that were funded by general obligation and revenue bonds several years ago, with upgrades to all elements of the municipal infrastructure. Work on a third, final phase of drainage system improvements has begun, and upgrades to the city's sewer system are nearing

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## Disability compliance changes to be costly

BY ED LEPOMA

Chancery Court Clerk and County Administrator Tim Kellar warned supervisors Monday of major changes needed at various public buildings if Hancock County is ordered to fully comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act.

Kellar's comments came on the heels of an announcement by a wheelchair-bound Bay St. Louis man, who said he would file a complaint against the county with the U.S. Justice Department.

Huey Kenmar arrived at the historic downtown County Courthouse last week, and wanted to serve on a jury being convened to try a capital murder charge.

He managed to motivate the steep ramp at the rear of the courthouse in his wheelchair, but stopped dead in his tracks in the lobby. Kenmar refused to allow himself to be carried up three flights of stairs to the Circuit Court room, and presiding Judge

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## Convicted killer gets life sentence

BY GEOFF BELCHER

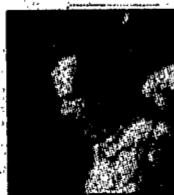
A Hancock County jury deliberated just 40 minutes before deciding convicted murderer Joshua Mixon should receive a sentence of life without parole.

The same jury deliberated for several hours Saturday before delivering a guilty verdict against Mixon in the June 1998 shooting death of 30-year-old Jose Luis Lemus.

Mixon could have received a sentence of death by lethal injection, but jurors were

apparently moved by the testimony of witnesses including his mother, Barbara Kern, who said in the sentencing phase of his trial Monday, "He's 23 years old. He is a good boy. ... I love him and I know the verdict's already been made and I don't know what else I can do about that. I just ask (the jury) to spare his life."

Clinical and forensic social worker Betty Spenser told jurors that Mixon



Mixon

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### A priceless gift



In addition to receiving thousands of hours of volunteer help from Hancock Medical Center's Auxiliary, HMC's Foundation also received a \$15,000 donation from the Auxiliary. From left, Billie Jean Niver, Auxiliary president; Hal Leftwich, HMC administrator; Theresa Bourgeois, HMC director of Volunteer Services; and Rev. Charles Johnson, president of HMC's Trustees.

## Cat Island plan gets House OK

BY ED LEPOMA

By a voice vote, the U.S. House of Representatives Tuesday approved Rep. Gene Taylor's bill to add Cat Island to the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

Congress is expected to adjourn at the end of the week, so the Senate is not likely to act on the legislation, according to an aide to U.S. Sen. Trent Lott. "It hasn't even been referred to a Senate committee yet, so

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## Obituaries

**THOMAS J. BALLARD III**  
**GEORGE H. CAMPBELL**  
**JEAN CURTIN**  
**LENA LADNER**  
**EDWINA NECAISE**  
**ROMETTA ROBERTS**  
**SHIRL THOMPSON**  
**MICHAEL J. THORPEY**

**THOMAS J. BALLARD III**  
 Thomas James Ballard III, 45, of Diamondhead, died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Ballard was a native of Ft. Smith, Ark., and a resident of Diamondhead for the past 10 years. He was a Baptist and was the owner of a maintenance business in Diamondhead.

He was preceded in death by his mother, Cecile C. Alderman Ballard.

Survivors include a daughter, Jena Lyn Ballard of Baton Rouge; his father, Tom J. Ballard of Diamondhead; and a sister, Barbara Stringer of Slidell.

A memorial service will be conducted at 10 a.m. today at Diamondhead Baptist Church.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to Diamondhead Baptist Church, 63780 Diamondhead Drive North, Diamondhead, MS 395215.

**GEORGE H. CAMPBELL**  
 George Howard Campbell, 65, of Diamondhead, died Friday, Nov. 12, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mr. Campbell was a native of

Mobile and a resident of Diamondhead for the past 10 years. He was a retired machinist for Martin Marietta and was a volunteer for Central Baptist Church in Bay St. Louis.

Survivors include his wife, Pauline Stogner Campbell; his stepmother, Saddle Campbell; and a sister, Patsy Lowry.

Services were conducted Wednesday at Schoen Funeral Home in Slidell. Burial was in Biloxi National Cemetery.

**JEAN CURTIN**  
 Jean Curtin, 56, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Ms. Curtin was a native of New York, N.Y. and a resident of Bay St. Louis since 1976. She was a Catholic and was employed by U.S. Geological Survey as a budget analyst, Stennis Space Center.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Eugene Sohm and Ezelda Ledoux Hahn Ling.

Survivors include a sister, Millie Ling of Bay St. Louis.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 19, 1-2 p.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis followed by a prayer service. A private graveside service will be held at the Gulf Coast Memorial Cemetery & Mausoleum in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to the Humane Society or SPCA.

**LENA LADNER**  
 Lena Morel Simolke Ladner, 66, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Ladner was a native and lifelong resident of Bay St. Louis and was a Lutheran.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Hamilton

Hildebert and Hortense Eber Morel; and two brothers, Hamilton H. Morel Jr. and Edward C. Morel.

Survivors include a son, Louie R. Simolke Jr. of Bay St. Louis; two daughters, Patricia A. Bonney of Pass Christian and Laura D. Bernos of Bay St. Louis; a brother, Rudolph R. Morel of New Orleans; three sisters, Lucille M. Luke and Marjorie Morreale, both of Bay St. Louis, and Violet L. Dedaux of Pass Christian; nine grandchildren and 15 great-grandchildren.

Visitation will be Friday, Nov. 19, 9:30-10:30 a.m. at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis, followed by a prayer service. A graveside service will be conducted Friday at 1 p.m. at St. Vincent de Paul Cemetery in New Orleans.

**EDWINA NECAISE**  
 Edwina Ladner Necaie, 97, of Kiln, died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999, in Picayune.

Mrs. Necaie was a native and life-long resident of Hancock County and was a member of Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Michel J. Necaie Sr.; a son, Russell W. Necaie; her parents, Leon T. and Angeline Seals Ladner; three brothers, Edgar Ladner, Albert Ladner and David Ladner; and four sisters, Rose Hoda, Cora Martin, Alice Wilhelm and Ida Whitney.

Survivors include a son, Michel J. Necaie Jr. of Bay St. Louis; three daughters, Wilma Necaie, Peggy Cooley and Shirley Morel, all of Kiln; three sisters, Nora Bosarge of Pass Christian, Maude Ladner of Bay St. Louis and Corrine Fornea

of Biloxi; 11 grandchildren, 17 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial will be celebrated 2:30 p.m. today at Annunciation Catholic Church in Kiln where friends may call an hour before service time. Burial will be in Bayou Coco Cemetery in Kiln.

Edmond Fahey Funeral home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**ROMETTA ROBERTS**  
 Rometta Roberts, 94, of Waveland, died Tuesday, Nov. 16, 1999, in Pass Christian.

Arrangements are incomplete at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

**SHIRL THOMPSON**  
 Shirl Thompson, 57, of Bay St. Louis, died Friday, Nov. 12, 1999, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Thompson was a native of Wellsville, Ohio, and a longtime resident of Bay St. Louis. She was a Protestant.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Edmond Earl and Bertha Mae Clark Swearingen.

Survivors include her husband, Michael Perry; and a son, Bryan C. Hall, both of Bay St. Louis.

A memorial service was conducted Wednesday at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home Chapel in Bay St. Louis.

The family prefers memorials to the American Cancer Society, 182-A DeBuys Road, Biloxi, MS 39531.

**MICHAEL J. THORPEY**  
 Michael James Thorpey, 83, of Pass Christian, died Monday, Nov. 15, 1999, in Bay St. Louis.

Arrangements are incomplete at Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis.

## Registration still open for library's Holiday Tree Gala

Registration for the Hancock County Library's 1999 Holiday Tree Gala is still open through Friday, Nov. 19, according to

David Woodburn, library system assistant director.

The event will be Sunday, Dec. 5, 1-4 p.m. at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library.

Trees from more than 60 businesses, organizations and schools have already registered to exhibit, decorated with traditional and non-traditional ornaments. Tree categories include three-foot and six-foot trees, with or without lights. Trees may be artificial or live. Decorations can be traditional or indicative of your business, organization or school.

This year's entertainment will include the St. Rose de Lima Gospel Choir and the Bay-Waveland a Cappella Choir.

Other entertainment will include a special performance by storyteller Gigi Hines and holiday music by pianist Mary Howard.

Judges for this year's event are Susie Seal, Regan Carney, Jean Ann Thriffliey and John Harris. Trees are judged in 11 different categories, including best in show and most creative tree.

Further information on the library's Holiday Tree Gala is available by calling David Woodburn at 467-5282.

## Lynn Meadows Discovery Center events

At Lynn Meadows Discovery Center in Gulfport, children can run with a robot, touch a tornado, set up shop, make Picasso proud, understand a pulley fully, tromp in tree houses and much more.

On weekends, families enjoy unique activities and programs designed to enhance the museum exhibits. The center is located at 246 Dolan Avenue and is open 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday-Saturday; noon-5 p.m. Sunday; closed on Mondays and major holidays. Activities listed are free with \$5 admission. For information, call 897-6039.

**November 20**  
**Drawing is Fun-n-mental**  
 Joseph Pearson, artist-in-residence from Waveland, offers a fun way to increase concentration, self-confidence and coordination through the art of drawing.

This enlightening activity is open to children ages 8-11, 2-3

p.m. Call 897-6039 ext. 20 or reservations.

**Holiday Crafts**  
 Crate holiday crafts in the Art Studio. Creations include ornaments, hand-painted cookies, holiday gift wrap and other surprises. Repeats every Saturday in Nov. ember and December. Ongoing sessions 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Holiday Gift Camp**  
 Deck the halls with heirlooms of decoupage glass, ceramics and hand-made paper. Designed for children ages 6-10, the camp is for two Saturday mornings, Nov. 20 and Dec. 4, 9 a.m.-noon. Repeats Dec. 11 and 18. The fee is \$50. Pre-register by calling 897-6049 ext. 12.

**November 24**  
**Bear Cub Club**  
 Cool Colors. Experiment, mix and view how colors change. Children 5 and under. Baby Bears 10 a.m., Junior Bears 11 a.m.

## Waste collection schedule

Waste Management will be observing Thursday, Nov. 25, Thanksgiving Day, as a holiday, therefore the collection schedule will be as follows:

For Hancock County and Diamondhead: Regular Thursday, Nov. 25 collection will be changed to Friday, Nov. 26.

Regular Friday, Nov. 26 collection will be changed to Saturday, Nov. 27.

City of Bay St. Louis and City of Waveland: Regular

Thursday, Nov. 25 collection will be canceled.

Regular Friday, Nov. 26 collection will not be changed.

## Card of Thanks

The family of Mrs. Elvira Farve wishes to graciously thank everyone for the many cards, prayers, flowers monetary gifts, mass offerings and acts of kindness received at the time of their bereavement. We also wish to thank the nurses, doctors and staff of Miramar Lodge Nursing Home, Pass Christian, MS for their devoted care during her illness.



## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of  
**ALTA "GRANNY" LIZANA**  
 Nov. 18, 1917-July 21, 1999

God looked around his garden and found an empty place. He then looked down upon this earth, and saw your tired face.

He out His arms around you and lifted you to rest. God's garden must be beautiful He always takes the best.

He knew that you were suffering. He knew you were in pain. He knew you would never get well on earth again.

So he closed your weary eyelids and whispered: "Peace be thine". He then took you up to Heaven with hands gentle and so kind.

It broke our hearts to lose you but you didn't go alone. For part of us went with you the day God called you home.

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## In Memoriam

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**REGINALD ROBINSON**  
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When one or the other must leave, one or the other must stay. One or the other must give, that is forever the way.

That is the vow that was sworn, faithful until death do us part. Braving what had to be borne, hiding the ache in our heart.

Happy Birthday.  
 We all love you.

Sadly missed by  
 Wife Bernice, Children,  
 Grandchildren,  
 Great-grandchildren  
 and all your family



## In Memoriam

In Loving Memory of

**MARIE A. Z. MERCADE**  
 Feb. 7, 1927-No. 17, 1998

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## Fall Harvest Hayride in Bay St. Louis

Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis held its Fourth Annual Fall Harvest Hayride on Saturday, October 30. Young and not-so-young members and friends of the church were invited to ride on an old-fashioned hayride through downtown Bay St. Louis and ending at the beach bonfire.



## Five generations

Great-great-grandmother Eather Necaise is holding Allen K. Sekinger III. Mother is Jessica Breau Sekinger; grandmother, Cindy Ladner Breau; and great-grandmother, Mary Jane Necaise Ladner. The photo was taken at Allen's christening.

## Epilepsy Foundation makes schools safer for children with epilepsy

During November, the Epilepsy Foundation and its affiliates around the country are initiating a campaign to make the nation's schools seizure safe for children with epilepsy.

As part of its "Be Seizure Smart" campaign, the Foundation is offering school personnel nationwide special training in seizure recognition and first aid.

"Every teacher is likely to have at least one or more students with epilepsy in class at some time in their career. The training reduces fears, dispels myths and empowers teachers and students to respond calmly and appropriately when a seizure happens in school," says Steven C. Schachter, M.D. chairman of the Foundation's Professional Advisory Board.

Basic seizure first aid do's and don'ts DO

- Cushion the child's head.
- Turn the child on one side to keep airway clear
- Time the seizure. If the seizure lasts more than five minutes, call for medical assistance.

- Remain with the student until full consciousness returns.

DO NOT:

- Put anything in the mouth. This may cause broken teeth, lacerated gums, a punctured pallet or worse.

- Panic.
- Give oral medications during the seizure

- Restrain or hold down. Doing so may cause pulled and torn muscles and can result in broken bones.

- Give food or drink until the person is fully conscious.

Schools wishing information about epilepsy and the training program for teachers and administrators should contact their local Epilepsy Foundation or call 800/332-1000.



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## New Swamp to Space exhibit depicts Stennis development

When the Stennis Visitors Center reopens in spring 2000, patrons will have the opportunity to learn about the history of Stennis Space Center through the recently completed Swamp to Space exhibit.

The Visitors Center is currently closed for major renovations and expansion.

The historical section of the Swamp to Space exhibit pays tribute to the families who moved their homes to make way for the space age in Mississippi.

The names of the 2,202 family members are listed on two columns in the exhibit. A video on the five communities, Gainesville, Logtown, Napoleon, Santa Rosa and Westonia - in existence before the creation of Stennis, is also part of the exhibit, as are historical photographs and a photo mural of the massive construction effort necessary to build the space center.

Scientists hopeful survey of Puerto Rico rivers parallels local findings

Scientists from NASA's Earth System Science Office, along with a Puerto Rican professor trained at Stennis, recently surveyed portions of the Mayaguez Bay in Puerto Rico in hopes of finding parallels to river water surveys done in Mississippi and Louisiana.

Water samples from three characteristically different rivers were surveyed at points where they drain into the Mayaguez Bay.

The findings will help develop a bank of information that will aid scientists in interpreting remote sensing data and evaluation of environmental impacts on urban, agricultural and rural waterways.

Procurement conference matches Mississippi businesses with government contracts

The Mississippi Business/Procurement Opportunities Conference 2000, scheduled yesterday and today at the Mississippi Convention Center in Biloxi, promotes partnership between federal, state and local government buying offices with private businesses, particularly small, disadvantaged and women and minority-owned enterprises.

The conference, hosted by the Mississippi Contract Procurement Center, is one of more than 90 conferences, fairs and workshops conducted by the center annually.



## Harvest Dinner

The Women of Christ Episcopal Church, including, from left, Nannette Stroh, Suzanne Truett and co-chairwomen Kim Uram and Susan Stevens, get ready to prepare the church's annual Harvest Dinner today, Thursday, Nov. 18. Dinner is from 5 to 8 p.m. and take-outs are available from 3 to 5 p.m. Tickets are \$6, available at the door or

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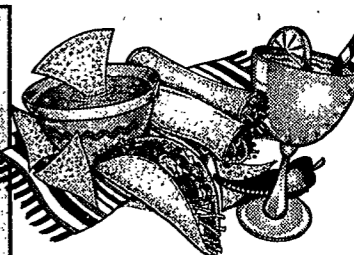
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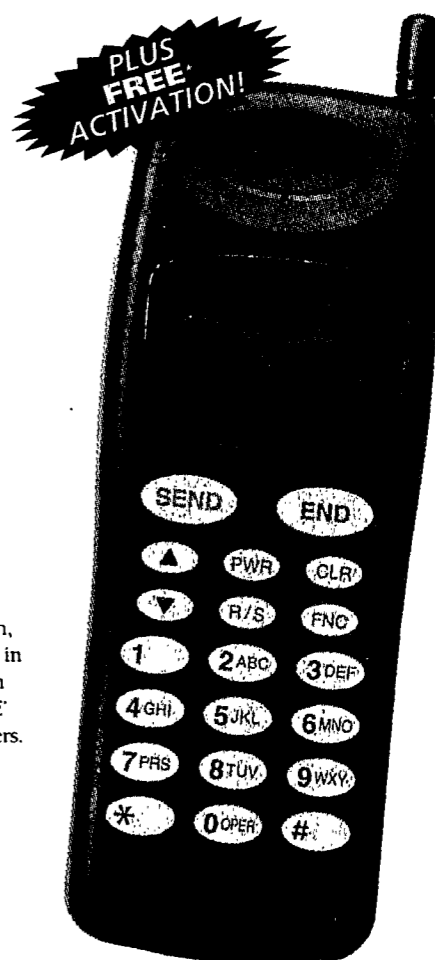
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## "CUEVAS" QUOTES

By Ellis C. Cuevas

In recent years I had received several reportedly "scam" letters from area residents coming from Nigeria.

I had received one of the "get rich quick" letter myself, and as I have done with others turned them over to the U.S. Postal Service.

Recently there was an article in the Sun Herald about how the U.S. Secret Service was wanting to hear from individuals who receive letters from Nigeria proposing lucrative business deals.

Francis Koopman of Bay St. Louis was one of the locals to receive such a letter. He turned it over to me, and I in turn took it to the post office.

Over the years I have mentioned in my column and news stories about various scams, and whenever one involves the mail I take it to the postal authorities.

Mr. Koopman has, since the recent article, sent a letter to the U.S. Secret Service explaining how someone could have possibly acquired his name and address.

Needless to say, we all need to be extremely careful about those "get rich quick" schemes. There is always someone out there trying to get money out of someone in an illegal way.

It is always best whenever you have a question about a "deal" to check with the proper local authorities.

Child passenger safety is on the minds of many in this country and Operation ABC Mobilization - America Buckles Up Children, will be celebrated nationwide and also will be observed in Hancock County. Sgt. Ray Billeaud of the Hancock County Sheriff's Office reports that the department has declared a zero tolerance for unbuckled children.

During the week of Nov. 22-Nov. 28, the Sheriff's Department will join other law enforcement agencies in enforcing the zero tolerance for unbuckled children by cracking down on adults who drive with unbuckled children.

Deputies will be ticketing drivers, who - despite the widespread attention to child safety - still expose children to deadly risk by letting them ride unbuckled.

Sgt. Billeaud said there will be checkpoints throughout the county for child safety and other violations.

This is necessary to make drivers mindful of the law on children being strapped in. Remember, just as children need to be buckled up, it is the law for adults, too.

Do not forget the Diamondhead Merchants Fair from 5 to 8 p.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club today.

There will be more than 50 merchants with displays, food samplings, give-aways and door prizes. Admission is free.

Over the years I have heard on occasion comments about there possibly being a lack of arts in our area school systems. Whether this is true or not, that I think is a hard question to really answer.

Some three groups of 35 elementary students from the public and private schools will be invited on a first-come first-served basis for a session after-school art workshop.

The workshops are free, but must be limited to the first 35 children in three grade groups with reservations. The sessions will be from 3-4:30 p.m. On Dec. 7, Session 1 is for second grade children. Dec. 8, Session 2 is for third and fourth graders. Dec. 9, Session 3 is for fifth and sixth graders.

The art sessions are sponsored by North Bay Elementary and Fly By Night Productions and sounds like an interesting program.

Interested parents of students may call North Bay Elementary at 467-4757 for further details.



## FROM THE SENATE

By State Senator  
Trent Lott



### Mississippi's university research vital to the community

Since the early days of our nation, our colleges and universities have been a vital part of our communities and served as a catalyst for their development.

Thomas Jefferson foresaw how important the university system would be to the infant republic's growth when he founded the University of Virginia near his rural home, Monticello.

Jefferson undoubtedly would be pleased to know that today's universities continue to be the engine for building America's future.

Research dollars at the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State and Southern Mississippi have dramatically increased from 1998 to 1999.

Recently the Ole Miss research program went from \$20 million to \$34 million; Mississippi State's engineering research expanded from \$18 million to \$27 million and Southern Mississippi's research investment grew from \$21 million to \$30 million, all in one year.

These advances came from an aggressive effort to attract bright minds to our state and give them the tools and facilities needed to exercise them.

Much of this research can be applied to the private sector where the interests of academia and economics meet.

Consider remote sensing. While this term may remain unfamiliar to many Mississippians, it won't be for long. Remote sensing is the collection of data gathered from aircraft and spacecraft for practical public and commercial application.

This technology is being researched primarily by the University of Mississippi, Mississippi State University and NASA. It is estimated that remote sensing will represent a \$5 billion industry by 2005 and \$10 billion by 2010 with Mississippi on the leading edge of this development.

Data gathered from remote sensing can help farmers obtain better knowledge of soil types and geography. Civil engineers can use remote sensing to plot the best routes for roads, without expensive surveys.

The state of Mississippi has already applied this technology to a road construction project, saving about 20 percent over the conventional method.

Meanwhile, the University of Southern Mississippi's Polymer Science Institute is providing the foundation for another developing industry in our state.

Polymers, which are synthetic materials used for manufacturing of various military, industrial and commercial

applications, are poised to become much more widely used.

New uses mean new industry, new industries mean new jobs, and our state's universities are helping to make sure Mississippi becomes a center for polymer research and manufacturing.

Currently USM does the leg work by making the polymers at the Polymer Science Institute. Mississippi State's Engineering Research Center does design and technical work which includes modeling of structures utilizing the composites; then Ole Miss researchers develop the physical tests to ensure structural integrity.

This investment in university-industry partnerships is already being applied in projects like a composite helicopter hanger currently under development. Because of this initial research investment, Mississippi will be at the forefront when this technology begins to blossom, providing what could become one of our most basic building materials in the coming century.

Jackson State University is also helping to lay groundwork for Mississippi's new economy. In conjunction with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers facility at Vicksburg, JSU is conducting research to develop a new generation of computer software for use in super-computing.

Currently the data generated by supercomputers is sometimes so vast, it cannot be displayed or easily manipulated for consumption. This joint JSU/Army Corps initiative will develop software that will help break down mountains of information for everyday use.

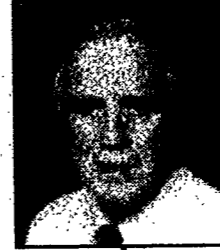
These are only a few of the projects being conducted by our state's institutions, but they illustrate how University research can help our nation, and our state, build a new economy.

I think Jefferson, who cherished the notion of university as the cradle of knowledge and the engine of societal advancement, would be pleased with our progress.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions and/or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Building, Washington, D.C. 20510. (Attention: Press Office.)

## EYES ON MISSISSIPPI

By Bill Minor



### Modern-day Mississippi deserves new constitution

One beneficial result could come out of the constitutional mini-crisis raising doubt that Mississippi's next governor may be determined in its House of Representatives.

It may finally jolt us into junking the post Reconstruction 1890 Constitution and writing a new one for modern-day Mississippi.

Ever since it became evident that Democrat Ronnie Musgrove, the top vote-getter in a four-person race, lacked only five-tenths of one percent in having an outright majority of the Nov. 2 popular vote, folks seem shocked that under our old Constitution the House sitting as an "electoral college" could pick either Musgrove or second-finisher Republican Mike Parker as governor.

The electoral college in Sections 140 and 141 has been there 109 years. But nobody, except some of us longtime legislative-watchers, ever paid attention to them. Technically every four years, the House has sat as an electoral college, but it's been meaningless because there's no cause for a contest.

Section 140 can be triggered if neither of the top two candidates has a majority of popular vote as well as a majority of the 122 "electoral" votes which are apportioned by House districts. Then Section 141 goes into play, and each member can vote as he pleases for either of the two candidates.

Any supposed doubt that Democrat Musgrove's election is not yet a done deal is pure nonsense. If it goes that far, the two-thirds Democratic majority in the House will erase any doubt.

We need to understand that this whole apparatus was installed in the old Constitution by the post Civil War "Redeemers" who wanted to guarantee that Mississippi would never have a black governor.

It was all set up by an outrageous apportionment of seats in the House based on counties in which the balance of power was firmly held in the hands of the aristocratic white Delta planters.

Think of it: Delta counties had two and three times more seats in the House than the state's most populous counties such as Hinds, Harrison and Forrest, right on up to 1966, when some reapportionment came.

Not until the 1970s, however, did the state finally yield to the one-person-one-vote doctrine and fairly apportion legislative seats.

The anachronistic House electoral college constitutional provision is one of several pieces of hate detritus left from the era Mississippians now

want to forget when whites oppressed the black population for eight decades after the Civil War was over.

What grisly irony it is that the philosophical descendants of the old white Redeemers, in later times Dixiecrats, are the ones who think the carefully-laid white supremacy traps installed over a century ago can now make Republican Mike Parker governor.

It won't. For one thing, blacks would march en masse on the state Capitol if there was any danger Musgrove's election could be overturned.

No matter how much some Mississippians want to re-fight the Civil War, this state is not going to turn back the clock and use an archaic device to thwart the will of the voters in choosing its governor.

This state has invested too much effort into improving its national image to squander it by staging a reprise of Georgia's 1966 debacle when its Legislature elected racial demagogue Lester Maddox governor under an identical post Civil War electoral college scheme.

All I can see coming out of the current Capitol posturing over the possibility that a century-old gimmick could empower 122 House members to preempt the public will, is just a comedy played out by a pack of politicians acting out their "15 minutes of fame" before going into oblivion.

One that comes to mind is newly elected Rep. Greg Snowden, a Meridian Republican, quoted as saying that he had "never heard of" the electoral college device in the state Constitution before.

Perhaps Snowden, supposedly a lawyer, has never met his fellow townsman, Gil Carmichael, that rare progressive reform-minded Republican, who made a noble effort a few years ago to spearhead a citizen-led move to dump the horse-and-buggy Constitution, and write a new one.

Just give us another century and we might do it.

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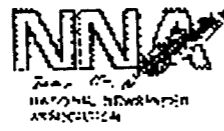
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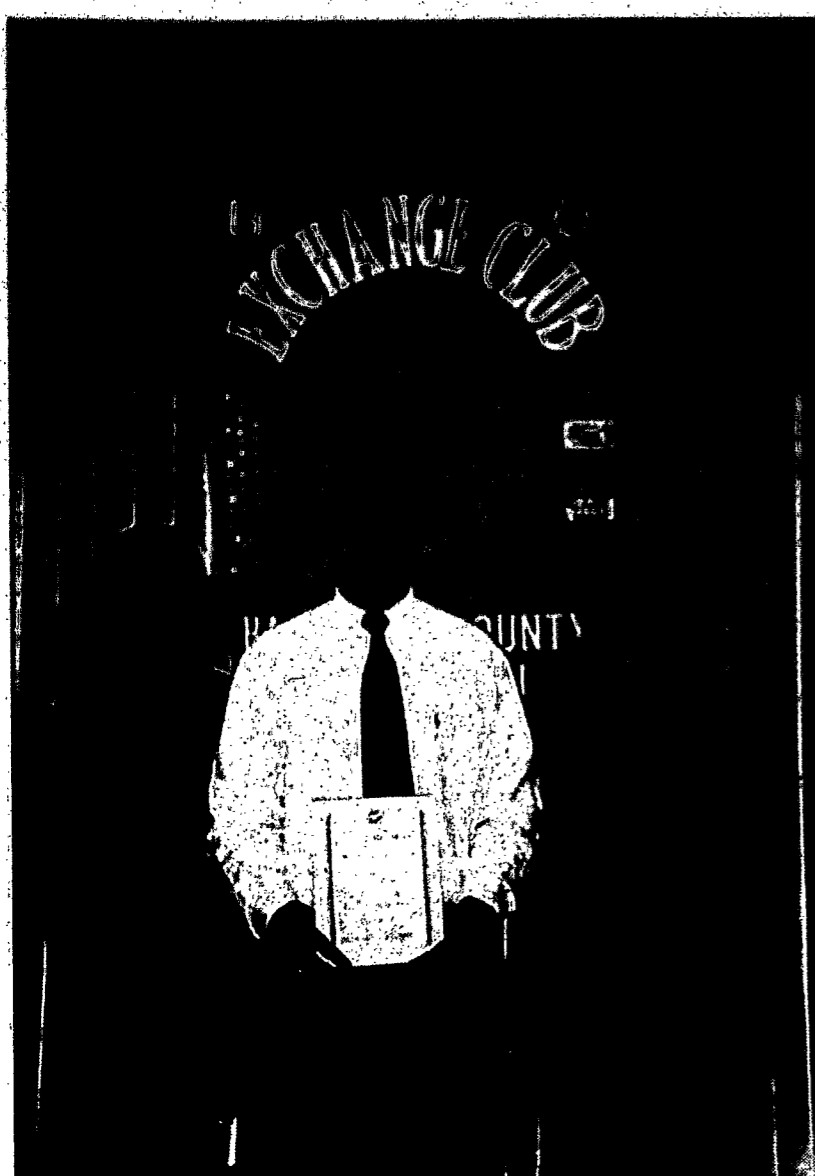


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### Student of the Month

Ty Barrett, center, son of Tommy and Nyla Barrett of Waveland, was selected as the Hancock County Exchange Club's Student of the Month for September. Those in photo are, from left, Gloria Dean, Bay High counselor; Barrett, and Ida Maculick, representing Coast Electric, donor of the savings bond to the Bay High senior.

## Mixon

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had suffered from a troubled childhood and difficulties in school.

Kern continued to protest her son's innocence, but said he shouldn't be held responsible for his actions because he had had a bad childhood, emotional problems and had been diagnosed with attention deficit disorder.

When prosecutors asked whether she believed Mixon should pay for the crime for which he was convicted, she said "Oh, he's going to pay, either with life or with death. I just ask that he's going to pay with life in the penitentiary, not with lethal injection. That's all."

In Mississippi, a life sentence is automatically appealed, but co-defense counsel Thomas Berry told reporters after the sentencing Monday that he had planned to begin the appeals process as early as last Tuesday.

Berry said there were "numerous" grounds for appeal, adding that he felt Mixon's confession to Lemus's death had been coerced.

Assistant District Attorney Larry Bourgeois, however, said the confession had been corroborated by police investigations which recovered the victim's wallet and the murder weapon and thanked "the citizens who stepped forward to aid in this

investigation."

Mixon was first arrested for the crime in Metairie ten days after Lemus was shot to death. Although he initially confessed to the shooting, he later recanted that statement and said his 33-year-old girlfriend Rosemary Heirsh had shot Lemus in self-defense after he tried to attack her. Mixon said he took the blame to shield Heirsh and her children. Heirsh denied the claim, saying she had never met Lemus and that she hadn't seen Mixon since the day before the shooting until the next morning.

Lemus, a native of Mexico, had been working as a welder for Fluor Daniel, the contractor building the Wellman Plant at Port Bienville Industrial Park.

## Election

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August primary.

LaFontaine and District 3 Election Commissioner-elect James A. "Jay" Lagasse -- who earlier defeated interim commissioner Margie Kasper -- will fill unexpired terms on the commission until next November's general election.

## Island

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it's unlikely we could take action before adjourning," said Lee Youngblood.

However, Youngblood said the senator's office had communicated with the Boddie family in Gulfport, which is offering to sell all but 156 acres of the pristine 2,100-acre island to the National Park Service for a still-undetermined price, and he said they have no problem with the delay until next year. An appraisal of the property is scheduled before year's end, but initial estimates put the price tag around \$28 million.

Taylor said passage in the House was "a major step in protecting this valuable, pristine land from commercial development."

"If the Senate does not consider the bill prior to expected adjournment this week...the Cat Island legislation would be considered when the second session of the 106th Congress returns in January," said Taylor. "I'm confident this bill will move forward in the Senate because of the strong support...by Sens. Thad Cochran and Trent Lott," he added.

He praised the work of House Resources Committee Chairman Don Young and Rep. James Hansen, chairman of the Subcommittee on National Parks and Public Lands. On the house floor, Taylor said Rep.

George Miller and Rep. Romero-Barcelo, ranking members of the full committee and subcommittee, were particularly helpful.

Taylor also expressed his appreciation to the Boddie family. "Without the Boddie family, being willing to offer Cat Island for sale, we could have never moved forward to acquire this jewel of the series of coastal islands stretching from Florida to Mississippi," said Taylor.

The deal, once approved by the Senate, will add 21 miles of coastal shoreline to the National Seashore, including six-mile stretch of undeveloped beach. The Boddie family will keep approximately 150 acres of the island for its own personal use, and another six acres have been subdivided and are privately owned.

Cat Island was not included in the original 1970 legislation, which established the Gulf Islands National Seashore because the Boddie family did not want to sell at that time.

Taylor's legislation also provides that all island lands currently under the jurisdiction of the state will remain under its jurisdiction, and the state will preserve the existing control of fishing and shrimp regulations in the waters beyond the shoreline of Cat Island.

# Council enforcing sign regulations

BY MARY G. SEILEY

Code enforcement of sign regulations and property maintenance standards continues to plague Bay St. Louis officials, with new cases piling up and old ones lingering in the system.

Chief Building official Bill Carrigee said Tuesday he's served notice to the Knights of Columbus that a large anti-abortion billboard on the Highway 90 Seminary frontage will have to be taken down. How soon that happens, he said, really depends on whether he gets voluntary cooperation.

"It's got to be removed," Carrigee said. "If they work with us on it, it'll be pretty quick. If not, it could be six or seven months."

Carrigee made the comment to a merchant who complained that he'd been required to follow the city's rules on banners and signs, while others apparently have not. Merchant Bob Travers said the message on the Seminary signs was not important to him, but the fact that they have been allowed to remain in place is important.

Carrigee said the sign was erected without a city permit, and sits in a city right-of-way. The frontage area surrounding the sign is covered with white crosses.

Travers said it appears that

anyone who wants to bypass the city's sign regulations has a six or seven-month window of opportunity, before enforcement finally becomes effective.

"We are having problems dealing with it," council president Carleen Moran said of the ordinance at issue. Some violations, she added, date back three years.

One lingering violation is the sign posted by a furniture company in the Bay City Mall, at Highway 90 and Dunbar Street. Carrigee ordered the sign removed months ago, because it's substantially larger than the city code allows.

City Council heard the pleas of the new business owners, and allowed a temporary waiver of the regulations to give the company time to buy a new sign. The waiver expired in September, and Carrigee has taken the firm to court.

He said Tuesday, however, the company pled "not guilty" in court, so the sign can remain in place until a hearing is held and a ruling issued.

That news irritated Ward 2 council member James Thrifflay. "We tried to be nice," Thrifflay said of the temporary waiver council granted for the sign. "All of a sudden, they want to play hardball...They're making a mockery of the sys-

tem."

"We have been more than lenient," said council president Carleen Moran.

Meanwhile, Carrigee continued to express frustration over getting action in court to require property cleanups.

One such case pertains to a property on Webb Street littered with several junk cars. Carrigee said he has papers drawn up to serve on the property owner. But, he added, "It'll never get done."

That's because the property owner lives in New Orleans and the Bay St. Louis police department can't serve the documents there, he said.

"They've got nine junk cars," balked Ward 4 council member Tad Black.

City Attorney John Scafide suggested Carrigee approach the issue as a health menace. Council agreed to have a public hearing before doing just that, and will call for bids to have the cars removed. Carrigee said in the meantime he could have occasional tenants of a struc-

ture there moved from the property for code violations in the structure.

Council has a long roster of other property code violations in various stages of correction action, and plans to study a new code enforcement program in hopes of dealing with the cases more effectively.

In the meantime, council continues to send out letters to property owners urging voluntary property cleanups. Those who don't comply are subjected to public hearings, and, in some cases, city officials have private contractors deal with the violations. Costs are attached to property taxes for the individual properties.

Dealing with several code violations in her own Ward 3, council member Connie Lampley said the city owns a piece of property on Easterbrook which "desperately needs to be cleaned."

Scafide said council should send a letter to the administration, formally requesting a cleanup action.

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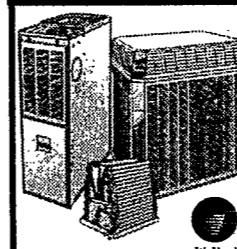
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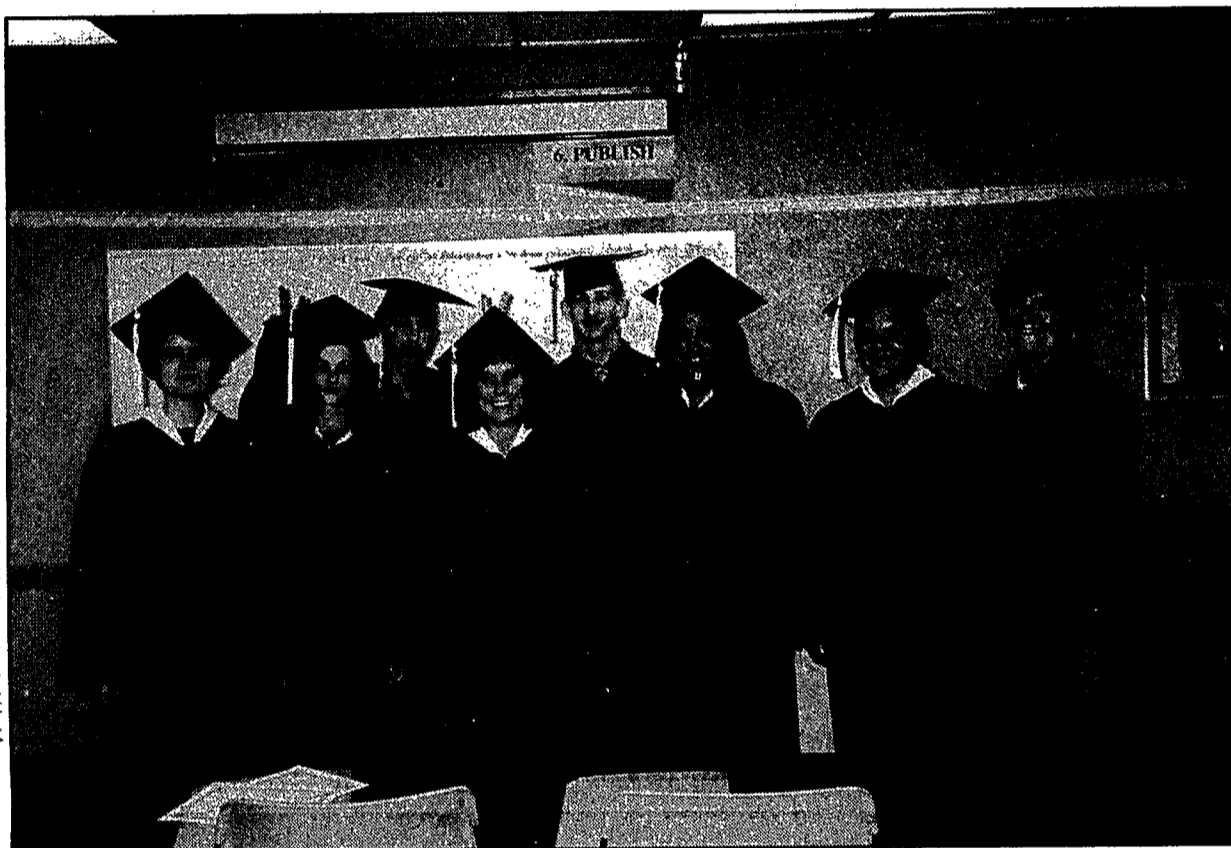
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## Appreciative Lions

Hancock County Lions' Club members Mary D. Wells, Joyce Bermond and Lucille Boudreaux present a certificate of appreciation to Jason Hamilton of Waveland Market Center Tuesday for his efforts to improve the community and help out local organizations. Hamilton has provided a space at the Waveland Market for people to donate goods to the Lions' Club's holiday gift basket food drive.



## Mid-year graduation

The Waveland Library Literacy Center recently held its mid-year graduation for the Adult Education Program. Sponsored by the Hancock County Library System, the program provides courses in basic skills and preparation for the GED. Those completing the course and receiving their GED are, back row from left, Nathan Nick and Jeremy Wheeler; front row, Sundara Bronock, Claire Bronock, Stacy Francis, Angela Tamborella, Sarah Walley, and Donna Hutchings, program coordinator.

## Tornado awareness initiative directed to schools

The Mississippi Emergency Management Agency, in cooperation with local emergency management and civil defense departments, the National Weather Service and the Federal Emergency Management Agency, is conducting the state's first-ever Tornado Awareness Month in November.

Funded through MEMA's Hazard Mitigation Grant Program, MEMA is providing new NOAA Weather Radios to schools and local governments throughout Mississippi. Local emergency management and civil defense departments will be distributing the units in each county.

The radios are Tandy Corporation Model 12-250's that are programmable for specific areas and some event codes. The units alarm when digital codes are programmed by the National Weather Service.

Users cannot lock out tornado warnings and severe thunderstorm warnings. This new technology provides users with the ability to receive warnings for their specific counties,

rather than the units alarming for any county within the NOAA Weather Radio station's warning area.

"One of the biggest drawbacks with the older units was that they alarmed for a wide area. Many radio units were left off because of this until the skies turned dark over a location," said MEMA Director Jim Maher. "Many times, this was too late to take appropriate action."

Through the hazard mitigation grant award, 2,000 NOAA weather radios have been purchased by MEMA at a cost of slightly more than \$102,000. Federal funds will cover 75 percent of the cost, leaving the State's portion at \$25,520.

"This is an unparalleled opportunity to provide additional all-hazard warning capability in the state," Maher said. "The aim of this program is simple: to allow more people to hear a warning earlier enabling them to take action that could possibly save lives."

Two years ago, the Mississippi Legislature require all public schools in the state to

install the units. Most have complied with the law. With the addition of the units that are being supplied by MEMA and the local emergency management and civil defense departments, schools will receive the most current model and add additional warning capability to the campus.

"Hopefully schools that already have NOAA Weather Radios will install the new models in their main offices and move the older models into other vulnerable areas of their campuses like modular classrooms, gymnasiums and field houses.

Essentially, those areas on campus that may need additional time to move children to shelter should be considered," Maher added.

The placement will include public schools, private schools, parochial schools, one for each county, one for each incorporated municipality and one for each local emergency management or civil defense office. The radios will be distributed in November as part of Tornado Awareness Month.

## Miss Rodeo Mississippi Pageant deadline

Applications deadline is Dec. 1 for Jr. and Sr. Miss Dixie National and Miss Rodeo Mississippi Pageant.

The Jr. and Sr. Miss Dixie National and Miss Rodeo Mississippi Pageant will be Jan. 22 and 23.

Young Jadies will be judged in interview, modeling and horsemanship.

Horsemanship and interview competitions will be Saturday, Jan. 22 at the Mississippi Coliseum in Jackson and the modeling competition will be

Sunday, Jan. 23 at the Hilton Hotel on County Line Road.

The winner of the Miss Rodeo Mississippi Division will represent Mississippi in the Miss Rodeo America Pageant December 2000.

The deadline for entry is Dec. 1. To receive an entry form, send a self-addressed, stamped (8 1/2" x 11" envelope with 2 stamps) to: The Miss Rodeo Foundation, Inc., P.O. Box 32, Brandon, MS 39043.

The pageant is for Mississippi residents only.

## Resters to hold family reunion

The Rester family of Picayune invites all descendants of Fredrick Rester to attend a family reunion Nov. 27, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the VFW Hall on Ridge Road in Picayune. Genealogy records indicate that all people from Mississippi with the family name Rester are related.

"Bring your favorite covered dish and discover your family history," said spokesman Pat Dale. For information, contact Dale at (601) 798-2599.

## Christmas in the Pass

"Christmas in the Pass" has become Pass Christian's traditional open house celebration, beginning at 4 p.m. this year.

Christmas in the Pass XV features Santa's parade, strolling carolers, bands, over the water lighted boat pageant, art displays and open house at participating businesses.

The entire downtown area becomes a closed walking mall for pedestrians.

It is a step back in time when "Merry Christmas" and "Happy Holidays" is the greeting between friends and strangers, visitors and residents.

Merchants are dressed for "old-fashioned holidays," win-

dows and storefronts are decorated in the Christmas spirit, and activities for the little ones abound; face painting, balloon creations, pictures with Santa (two locations), and at the Raintree Garden Center displays of trees decorated by elementary school children.

Merchants will be collecting non-perishable food for the needy. Locations for drop off are Dodge Chiropractic on Market Street, Blue Skies Gallery, 2nd and Market streets; The Old Community Shop, 2nd and Davis; Southern Printing and Silkscreening, Davis Avenue; and Russell's Shell Station, corner of Scenic Drive and Davis

Avenue.

Donations will be accepted through the month of December and distributed through the Pass Christian Community Food Pantry.

This annual celebration will be held on Friday, Dec. 3. Activities will begin at 5:30 p.m. in the War Memorial Park and continue throughout the downtown until 9 p.m.

This is a family event held in Pass Christian.

For more information contact Lauri Danielson at Wicker and Wood, 452-4083 or Nanette Carter at Raintree Garden Center, 452-3137.

## Bay Christmas parade set for Dec. 4th

Mayor Eddie Favre has announced that Bay St. Louis citizens will be able to enjoy an old-fashioned "Main Street - USA Christmas" parade Saturday, Dec. 4 beginning at 10 a.m. at Ulman Avenue.

"We're going back to the traditions of a mid-century Bay parade, with fire trucks, police cars, city equipment, marching bands and groups, classic cars and a lot of fun to end this century," said the Mayor.

Using a popular parade route in the city the Christmas parade units will line up on

Ulman Avenue and promptly begin the parade at 10 a.m., turning south on Beach Blvd., traveling to Main Street, turning west on Main Street, south onto Toulme Street and march to its end at the historic Depot.

The Bay High Band Boosters will have refreshments available at the Depot as families gather at the end of the parade.

"We love Christmas in the Bay, and we want to end the millennium celebrating this special holiday making great memories for the next century. We want the parade to get fam-

ilies off to a great start for the holidays, spending their morning together in fellowship with friends and neighbors," said the Mayor.

Groups wishing to march, enter decorated bikes or vehicles are asked to pick up their applications from Carolyn Adam, City Hall Annex, 111 Court Street during regular business hours.

No floats will be accepted for this parade because of public works construction throughout the area.

## Community Thanksgiving Service

The Ministerial Association of Hancock County will hold the annual Community Thanksgiving Service Tuesday, Nov. 23 at 7 p.m. at Word of

Faith Christian Fellowship, 103 Old Spanish Trail, Waveland.

The speaker will be Rev. Van Carpenter from Main Street Methodist Church. Other local

ministers will participate. Special music will be provided.

The offering will go to the Hancock County Food Pantry.

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# BUSINESS NEWS



Keith G. Goodfellow, M.D.

## Goodfellow named HMC chief of Staff

The medical staff of Hancock Medical Center elected obstetrician/gynecologist Keith G. Goodfellow, M.D. president for the 1999-2000 term. Dr. Goodfellow succeeds family medicine physician Bertin C. Chevis, M.D.

Anesthesiologist Dale Loiacano, M.D. was elected vice president and pathologist John D. Rutherford III was named secretary.

Members-at-large are family medicine physician Sidney Chevis, M.D., internal medicine specialist James Crittenden, M.D., general surgeon Joseph Rillens Lee, M.D., and family medicine physicians Roberta Chilimigras, M.D. and Bertin C. Chevis, M.D.

Dr. Goodfellow is a native of New Orleans and has been on the active staff of Hancock Medical Center for five years.

A graduate of Tulane University, he received a master of science from the University of New Orleans and medical degree from Louisiana State University School of Medicine in New Orleans. He completed a residency in obstetrics and gynecology at LSU and is board certified in that specialty.

Dr. Goodfellow's office is located at Hancock Square in Bay St. Louis. He recently welcomed a partner to his practice, Jerry Karabin, M.D.

## Lott, Shelton to visit Ingalls

U.S. Senator Trent Lott and General Henry Shelton, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, will tour LHD 7 at Litton Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula Monday, Nov. 22 beginning at 1 p.m.

The two will take questions from media during a brief press conference following the tour at approximately 1:35 p.m.

"I am delighted that General Shelton will be visiting Mississippi's largest employer and touring one of America's most important shipbuilding projects," Lott said.

"LHD 7 and LHD 8 (which was funded in the FY 2000 budget) have been singled out by two U.S. Marine Corps Commandants as being a vital part of our nation's 21st century defense structure. I know the employees of Litton Industries and Ingalls Shipbuilding are proud to be a part of this program.

The LHD program is a multi-year effort to replace the existing class of compact carriers used heavily by the U.S. Marine Corps to conduct its primarily amphibious missions.

By appropriating \$375 million for LHD 8 in the FY 2000 budget, the Navy and Department of Defense estimate saving almost \$1 billion over the five-year procurement period of the LHD 8 project, which will follow the completion of LHD 7.

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## Washington trip awaits junior class winners

Coast Electric Power Association has an opportunity for all Hancock, Harrison and Pearl River County high school junior class students.

Two students will be selected by the company to win an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. the week of June 17-23, 2000.

The winners will be chosen from essay entries received by the deadline dates listed below.

"This year we are asking the students to submit an essay written on the theme, 'An Electric Cooperative - A successful business today; A major impact for tomorrow,'" said Ida Macuick, contest coordinator.

Essays may be written as a documentary, fiction or based on a student's research.

All schools in the three counties have received detailed information on how students can participate, however, students may contact Mrs. Macuick at 228-463-7261 for information or assistance.

Because most area schools are on the block curriculum sys-

tem, essays must be submitted to Coast Electric by Friday, Dec. 3 for the first session; and by Friday, Feb. 4 for the second session.

Additional guidelines:

- Essay must contain a minimum 400 words, with a limit of 600 words,

- Identity of student, school, teacher, home address, phone number and parents should be listed on a separate sheet of paper.

- Five finalists will be chosen and asked to give an oral presentation to a panel of judges.

- Two winners and an alternate will be chosen. All three will represent Coast Electric at a Youth Leadership Workshop scheduled for March 1-3 in Jackson.

The Washington Youth Tour is coordinated each year by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). Coast Electric's winners will be part of the 1,000 student delegation form electric cooperatives across the nation.

During the week-long trip,

they will visit the popular monuments and memorials, the nation's Capital (including visits to the galleries of the House of Representatives and Senate), a group visit with Mississippi's senators, office visits with their local representatives, the White House and much more.

For added excitement, the students will attend a performance at the Kennedy Center and witness the popular changing of the guard at Arlington National Cemetery.

A day at the Smithsonian Institution is also on the schedule.

"While the Youth Tour is a wonderful sight-seeing experience, it also offers an opportunity for making lifelong friends," Macuick said.

"Coast Electric is proud to offer this once-in-a-lifetime opportunity for local students.

"We're anticipating a large number of entries, so I encourage all students to send me their entries as soon as possible," Macuick said.

## Tourism Bureau announces election of officers

The Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau announces the 1999-2000 fiscal year election of Board Officers and members.

**Bill Lady, president**

Lady is the owner of the Holiday Inn, Waveland. He is appointed to the board of the Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau by the Hancock County Chamber of Commerce and was instrumental in the creation of the Tourism Bureau. Lady also serves on the Mississippi Division of Tourism's Grant Committee.

**Petie Hyman, vice president**

Hyman is a very active resident of Waveland, where she is a leader in the "Rose Bud Society" Garden Club. Hyman chaired the Gulf Coast Garden

Club's 1998 and 1999 Spring Pilgrimages in their entirety. She has served on the Bureau's board for four years and is appointed to this board by the Mayor of the City of Waveland.

**Mickey Jordan, secretary-treasurer**

Jordan is a financial advisor, most active in the Diamondhead community, and an avid golfer and a past Nike Tournament planner. Jordan is appointed to the Board by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors and has been a member of the Tourism Board for four years.

Additional Hancock County Tourism Development Bureau members, their years of service and their appointment entities are:

Patt Cucullu, past vice president, four years, appointed by

the Mayor of the City of Bay St. Louis

Dick Stamm, four years, appointed by the City of Bay St. Louis City Council

Ray Kidd, four years, appointed by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors

Phil Costantino, four years, appointed by the City of Waveland Aldermen

Clarice Gustin, four years, appointed by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors

Jeana Tribble, four years, appointed by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors

## Volunteers needed to assist in preparing tax returns

Local volunteers are needed for community-service programs to provide free assistance during the tax-filing season to those who need help with basic federal and state income tax forms.

The Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) and Tax Counseling for the Elderly (TCE), which is co-sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP), are programs designed to help taxpayers who are elderly or disabled, have lower incomes or are non-English speaking.

Volunteers have provided this free service for 30 years through VITA and other assistance programs supported by the IRS.

Typically, volunteers are members of civic or other organizations that adopt this as a community-service project. Many other volunteers are not affiliated with an organization, but participate in VITA or TCE to help out in their communities.

Volunteers will be trained by the IRS in classroom sessions lasting a few days or through a self-study course the volunteer can complete with IRS guidance and evaluation.

During the tax-filing season, the IRS will keep the volunteers supplied with tax forms and guides, and will provide a special "hot line" exclusively for the volunteers to get answers to questions.

Groups or individuals interested in participating in the VITA program for the upcoming filing season should call 1-800-TAX-1040 and ask for the local coordinator.

Volunteers of any age who want to help older taxpayers may call AARP TAX-AIDE toll-free at 1-800-338-3167.

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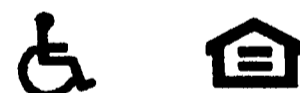
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## Changes -- handicapped-accessible courthouse costly

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Robert Walker turned down Kenmar's request to move the trial to the Justice Court Building behind the courthouse on Court Street or to the Waveland Police Department because neither had rooms for the jury.

Kellar said since lodging his original complaint, Kenmar went across Main Street and over to the office of Tax Assessor/Collector Eddie Murtagh. There, he complained to Murtagh that the counters were too high for persons in wheelchairs, and he wants improvements made to the entrance ramp.

Murtagh said he will ask the Board of Supervisors to make the improvements, but he did not seek re-election, and may be out of office before the work is undertaken.

Kellar said improvements demanded by Kenmar are "just a drop in the bucket" from what is required under the disabilities legislation. He had a copy of the legislation that was about two inches thick, spelling out what exactly is required by the law.

"You're talking about major changes to public bathrooms, toilets, doors, countertops, and access to buildings," said Kellar.

"In some cases, the doors have to be changed because they are too heavy for the handicapped to handle."

In the case of the County Courthouse, county attorney Gerald Gex later told the Echo he dealt with the problem before for previous Boards of Supervisors, who faced complaints. He said some exemp-

tions to the law can be granted because the courthouse is on the register of historic buildings.

Supervisors looked over preliminary drawings brought to them by Compton Engineers, which they asked to come up with specifications for adding an elevator to the rear of the courthouse.

Consultant Bill Johnson presented three options, with initial costs in the range of \$175,000.

Supervisors were also given two options for reconfiguring the parking on the south side and at the rear of the courthouse, with plans to add space for the handicapped.

In other business, District 2 Supervisor Rocky Pullman reacted to news that incoming Constable Danny Hamby went

out and bought a new car to use in his duties when he takes office next January. Now constables have been elected for the East and West Districts.

"We're not going out and buy new equipment for them," said Pullman. He said the county is required to provide constables uniforms, and equip their cars with a radio and a blinking light.

He wants the constables to use the equipment assigned to their successor if it is in working order.

Compton Engineering also gave supervisors cost estimates for building a concrete or wooden pier in the Clermont Harbor area, but no decision was made on how the Board will proceed.

Bayside resident Jan Schneider complained to supervisors that she felt newspaper

notification was not enough to inform residents when they need to hook up to sewerage.

District 4 Supervisor Steve Seymour passed a motion ordering Hancock County's Water and Sewer District to notify each property owner by mail what they are required to do once the sewerage system is run and connections are in place in front of their homes.

Before adjourning, at the request of County Engineer Larry Seal, supervisors pledged up to \$25,000 for wetlands mitigation in the event it is needed in the proposed improvements being planned on Lower Bay Road as it meets old U.S. Hwy. 90.

Seal said he doesn't think mitigation will be needed because less than five areas of wetlands is involved, but he

wanted the pledge included in the application being sent to the state Department of Economic and Community Development. That agency has verbally pledged up to \$1.2 million in funds to make the road improvements to the road as it comes out of the Port Bienville Industrial Park.

Because it might be year before work gets underway, Pullman passed a motion asking the state Department of Transportation to consider putting in some kind of temporary lighting at the busy intersection and also where Hwy. 90 intersects with the entrance to Bayside Park.

He also passed a resolution asking the Department of Marine Resources to consider posting "No Wake" signs in Cowan Bayou in Pearlington.

## Council -- pipeline continues, Hope Haven budget cut

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completion.

A bid of \$377,324 from Hartec, Inc., of Baton Rouge was accepted Tuesday for upgrades to the municipal water system. It was the lowest of 10 bids received for the contract.

Work on the massive drainage improvement program has been costlier than city leaders had expected, including unanticipated high costs for rights-of-way acquisition. Segments of the work have been shifted and altered, as council and the administration sought to complete the package within available finances.

Tuesday, council members said they need to pinch every available penny in the budget to cover drainage program costs — and they turned to its budget for supporting various organizations to find some extra cash.

Black said the three-phase drainage improvement program only covers about half the work that the city knows needs to be done.

"We need every penny we have," said council president Carleen Moran, saying the city has to tighten its financial belt along with other local organizations. She warned that additional city outlays would be needed to cover, for instance, shortages that the regional solid waste authority is facing. Waveland, Bay St. Louis and Hancock County all will share that burden, she said.

"We're giving away an awful lot of money," said Black, referring to the annual appropriations the city makes to such groups as Hope Haven. This year, the city had set aside \$35,000 for such outlays, in addition to the routine outlays the city makes to buy advertising in local organization publications.

Hope Haven, a non profit organization, had asked the city for \$22,000 in support this fiscal year, but only \$20,000 had been earmarked in the municipal budget for it. Apparently, a request from Hope Haven for a lump sum

payment of that support prompted Tuesday's council discussion.

Council members said the city can't afford to disburse its annual support to groups in lump sums, and they weren't willing to do it for one group if not for all groups. That led to a discussion of potential cutbacks in the support program, and the ultimate agreement to cut Hope Haven back to \$5,000.

Left intact were the following support allocations: Hancock County Historical Society, \$3,000; Gulf Coast Women's Center, \$2,500; Hancock 2000 Education Committee, \$2,000; and Save Our Children, \$5,000.

In other business Tuesday, council agreed to recommendations by Chief Building Official Bill Carrieger to the city's floodplain ordinance. Carrieger said the city would gain critical "points" with federal officials leading to a reduction in flood insurance rates for property owners. Bay St. Louis probably will become the first city in the

state to win a rating of 7, he said.

One of the changes outlaws construction of new "critical facilities" inside the 500-year flood hazard area. That would ban, for instance, building a hospital or fire station in certain flood prone areas.

Council member James J. Thriffley said it would impact any plan to expand Hancock Medical Center in the future — except on the high ground the center has dedicated to a walking track. The existing buildings, he said, are built in a flood zone.

Carrieger said while it's not wise to build critical facilities in flood-prone areas, the city's ordinance could be re-amended at any time to allow just that. In the meantime, he said, the city would gain rating points it needs with federal officials to win the lower insurance rating.

In another insurance matter, council took no action on a request from Prepaid Legal Services Inc. to offer payroll deductions for participation in

the privately sponsored insurance program. Under the plan, city employees could buy an array of legal services and advice for a fee of \$14.95 a month.

Council members Thriffley and Bill Taylor objected to promoting the private enterprise through the city's payroll system, warning against setting a precedent in payroll deductions for outside concerns.

In other business, council agreed to a program allowing up to three days of paid bereavement leave for city workers, who can show proof of death of an immediate family member. Black had proposed the new leave program; saying workers could substitute the bereavement time off for sick leave. Council heard several complaints from members of the audience, including a couple of merchants who are upset over the condition of the city's welcome center off Main Street.

The city leases part of a building for \$618 a month to serve as a comfort station for

tourists.

But downtown merchants complained Tuesday that volunteers can't keep up the bathrooms, and the building is in physical disrepair.

Moran and Lampley for months have complained about the cost of renting the facility, and were shocked Tuesday to learn that new owners of the building have cut the area assigned to the comfort station — without cutting the rent.

Thriffley had posed the idea of a comfort station several years ago, as an inducement to tour bus operators. Downtown merchants agreed to operate the facility, and agree that tourism promotion efforts have been wildly successful.

Still, with hundreds of tourists off-loading buses in the area, the facility needs to be tended well, council members were told. Thriffley said the mayor and city staffer Buz Olsen are negotiating with the building's owners, and looking into having public works crews tend to the restrooms.

## Sheriff -- Peterson 'easing the transition'

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to make emergency repairs to the lighting fixture, then went on with the business of the day.

Celeste Proulx, an employee with the county Department of Human Resources, complained whoever had the contract to clean the building at the Civic Center on Longfellow Road was not doing a satisfactory job on a daily basis.

"It needs maintenance, the carpets need cleaning, the floors haven't been waxed," said Proulx.

Supervisors instructed board attorney Gerald Gex to review the cleaning contract to see if it spells out the firm's daily responsibilities, and determine when the contract is up for renewal.

Next, Sheriff Ronnie Peterson came before the board with Steve Garber, who will succeed Peterson in January.

Peterson said he wanted to have a smooth transition as he leaves office, and he suggested that supervisors allow him to bring Garber aboard Dec. 10, rather than wait until Garber actually takes the oath of office in January.

Peterson said bringing Garber in early as a deputy or assistant sheriff would help Garber financially, since he has to resign as assistant fire chief in Waveland in order to attend a mandated training for all new sheriffs in Jackson Nov. 29-December 10.

Peterson estimated the cost would be around \$4,000, and supervisors approved Peterson's request to resign effective Dec. 31, and to hire Garber, pending approval by the state Attorney General and Auditor's offices.

Before leaving, Peterson told supervisors, "I'm not riding into the sunset. I'm going to be around."

He offered Garber his help and advice whenever he needed it.

Martin DeSalvo told supervisors he was not pleased with the conclusions of an engineer hired to look into water problems at his home and at other residences on Harbor Drive.

Supervisors noted they spent \$2,000 to have an engineer determine whether Joey

Boudin's operations affected the water table in the area, and they asked what more they could do.

DeSalvo said he has called in the Federal Bureau of Investigation and state water quality officials to investigate and plans a class action suit against Boudin, who is running a pit mining operation on premises he previously used for his garbage hauling business.

DeSalvo and other neighbors said the serenity of their neighborhood has been disturbed by Boudin's operations, which is bringing in large trucks, stirring up dust, and creating noise.

He claimed Boudin started his new operation last February, although he did not receive a DEQ permit until the following July. He also questioned whether Boudin's operation was in violation of current zoning laws.

Supervisors asked Willie Gavney, chief zoning enforcement officer, to check into the situation and report back to the Board.

They will also ask DEQ to check into DeSalvo's claims that Boudin is dumping raw sewerage from his port-a-let business into the ditches.

In other business, supervisors concurred in the County Planning Commission's recommendations, and extended for one more year the "Special Use District" designation needed for the Casino World project, which is proposed on a 404-acre parcel of land off the south Diamondhead exit of Interstate 10.

District 3 Supervisor Lisa Cowand, who represents portions of Diamondhead, voted against the extension. A representative of Protect Diamondhead Quality, Inc. also voiced his opposition.

"Why do we keep giving extensions if their permits are in place?" Cowand asked. "Are we going to extend this year-to-year in perpetuity?"

Cowand was also not pleased by a vote taken at the end of the meeting, when outgoing District 5 Supervisor Philip Moran moved to appoint Jack Cleveland to a five-year term

on the Diamondhead Water and Sewer District.

Cleveland was Moran campaign manager in his recently unsuccessful campaign for reelection.

"That's his stockbroker," said Cowand. "He's (Moran) leaving the ... Board. I don't know why he had to make this appointment."

The western precinct of Diamondhead is in Moran's district.

The vote to appoint Cleveland was 4-1, but Cowand indicated she had hoped Moran would have allowed District 5 Supervisor-elect Jay Cuevas to make the appointment.

The Echo later contacted Ken Tapley, who serves as chairman of the Diamondhead Water and Sewer District.

Tapley said Commissioner Tom Parker's term expired last October, and the Commissioners went over six resumes, and Parker's was the only name submitted from Moran's 5th District.

He said Parker was asked to stay on until a successor was appointed and, after reviewing resumes, all five commissioners unanimously recommended Ray Murphy (no relation to the recent candidate for sheriff), "a man with more than 30 years experience in sewage treatment and wastewater handling."

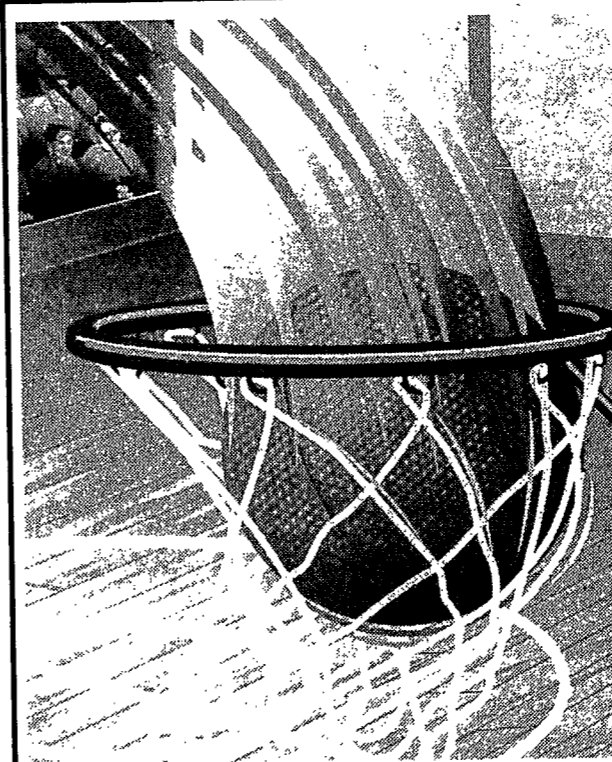
He said that was the last he heard of it until he was informed Monday of Cleveland's appointment.

"Up until now, the supervisors have gone along with our recommendations," said Tapley. He said the Commissioners serve the District without pay, and the District was always looking for Commissioners experienced in wastewater issues.

Tapley said he did no question the fact that supervisors had the authority to appoint Commissioners, and pledged the other Commissioners would work with Cleveland.

County attorney Gerald Gex said, as long as Moran obtained a majority vote of supervisors, he could appoint Cleveland, but Cuevas could recommend a change after he takes office, and if he obtains majority

approval from the board, he could name his own man to the post.



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## Hancock Medical Honors Volunteers



### 10,000 Hours of Volunteer work recognized

Director of Volunteer Services Theresa Bourgeois is congratulated by Board of Trustees President Rev. Charles Johnson. Bourgeois has contributed more than 10,000 hours of volunteer service to the hospital.



Seated from left, Rita Warren and Margaret Smith; standing, Bobbie Goodell, Marjorie Thomson and Dot Bielstein.



Seated from left, Johnnie Boatright and Rochelle Buchanan; standing, Betty O'Toole and Ruth Ross.

*Volunteers  
make a difference  
at HMC*



Seated from left, Theresa and Randolph Bourgeois; standing, Alice Seckso, Beulah Benigno and Betty Kieley.

#### SPECIAL TO THE ECHO.

The spirit of giving abounds at Hancock Medical Center, where Auxiliary volunteers donated 12,338 hours of their time during the last year.

Auxiliaries were recognized at Torgy's on the Green at an annual luncheon held in their honor.

Cumulative service hours since 1986 is fast approaching 100,000 hours, said Director of Volunteer Services Theresa Bourgeois.

A highlight of the luncheon was the announcement of a \$15,000 donation to the hospital's Foundation.

President Billie Jean Niver presented a check to HMC Board of Trustees President the

Rev. Charles R. Johnson and Administrator Hal Leftwich.

The Auxiliary staff, stocks and manages a gift shop in the hospital's front lobby and oversees operation of vending services. Proceeds from these two endeavors are used to fund purchases such as furnishings and toys for HMC's pediatric playroom in the new wing.

Leftwich commended the dedication and scope of service performed by Auxiliary members, who work in numerous departments hospitalwide. This year alone, volunteers staffed 13 areas in the medical center.

This year's total hours represent the annual work of six full time employees, said Leftwich. "The gift shop is a benefit to

employees and visitors alike. The variety of merchandise is comparable to any successful retail shop."

The volunteers come from many walks of life...from teachers to federal employees and nurses to engineers, each is willing to lend her/his special talent to the Hancock Medical Center team.

Auxiliary members calibrate equipment in the biomedical department, perform clerical tasks, take blood pressure, man information desks, help with admissions and in many other areas.

Nine or 10 volunteers work exclusively with one department, such as labor and delivery, surgery, respiratory and

materials management.

Some 55 active auxiliary members meet the daily needs of the hospital. In addition, the auxiliary has 12 associate members.

Ten people responded to a call for additional volunteers during the past year. All completed extensive orientation sessions and are now active members for 1999.

They include Johnnie Boatright, Mildred Bourgeois, Conrad Bourgeois, Rochelle Buchanan, Gloria Landry, Audrey Layus, Sally McCormick, Betty O'Toole, Joycelen Stephens and Kitty Thompson.

Receiving recognition at the luncheon were the following:

50 Hours Patch - Johnnie Boatright, Rochelle Buchanan, Bernie Iverson, Sally McCormick, Betty O'Toole, Ruth Ross, Joan Scott and Kitty Thompson

100 Hours Pin - Rochelle Buchanan, Bernie Iverson, Audrey Layus, Nathalie Miller, Betty O'Toole, Ruth Ross and Joan Stott

300 Hours Pin - Anne Cuevas, Betty Cutler, Dot Hamann and Tony Sconza

500 Hours Pin - Joan Breeden, LaRose Eddy, Sandra Garber, Doris Hauer, Beverly Kelly and Elaine Sconza

700 Hours Pin - Mary Gilmore, Gerrie Guidroz, Mamie O'Quinn, Marge Thomson, Margie Welsh and

Kathy Speed

1,000 Hours Pin - Lillian Lott and Marjorie Schultz

1,250 Hours Pin - Beulah Benigno, Billie Jean Niver and Alice Seckso

1,500 Hours Pin - Harriet Reightler; 1,750 Hours Pin - Margaret Smith; 2,000 Hours Pin - Dorothy Bielstein and Bobbie Goodell; 2,250 Hours Pin - Beverly Mahe; 2,750 Hours Pin - Dot Zimmerman; 3,000 Hours Pin - Randolph Bourgeois; 3,500 Hours Pin - Betty Kieley; 10,000 Hours Pin - Theresa Bourgeois.

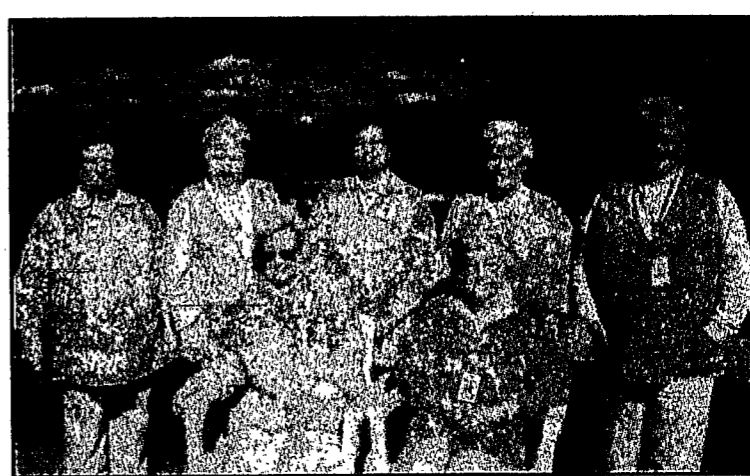
Anyone wishing to volunteer, or for more information on the program, may call Theresa Bourgeois at 467-8795.



Seated from left, Billie Jean Niver, Lillian Lott, Margie Welsh; standing, Ann Cuevas, Mary Gilmore, Sandra Garber, Gerrie Guidroz, Beverly Mahe and Nathalie Miller.

*Thank You!*

Not pictured: Sally McCormick, Kitty Thompson, Audrey Layus, Tony Sconza, LaRose Eddy, Doris Hauer, Elaine Sconza, Kathy Speed, Dot Zimmerman and Mamie O'Quinn.



Seated from left, Beverly Kelly and Dot Hamann; standing, Marjorie Schultz, Bernie Iverson, Joan Stott, Joan Breeden and Harriet Reightler.

# NIGHT OUT

## Dinner Cruises Coming to the Coast

### Dinner cruise kicks off lighthouse celebration

A dinner cruise aboard the Pan American will kick off the Biloxi Chamber's second annual Biloxi Lighthouse Celebration scheduled Nov. 18-19.

The Light-keeper's cruise will set sail from the Isle of Capri Friday, Nov. 18 at 6 p.m. and will feature a full supper of local cuisine, and cash bar.

An auction with proceeds going for historical preservation will feature variety. A guest speaker and music will complement the evening.

The Pan American, long used as a ferry to historic Ship Island, has Louis Skrmetta as master, a fourth generation of his family to pilot the island ferries.

Capt. Skrmetta will provide a demonstration of how the lighthouse was once used for navigation. A few tickets remain at \$40 per person and are available at the chamber office.

On Saturday, the City of Biloxi, and the Biloxi Chamber start the day of festivities with a presentation on the south grounds of the chamber, in the

shadow of the lighthouse.

Opening ceremonies feature Edmond Boudreaux of the Gulf Coast Historical Society.

The Biloxi Lighthouse Society will conduct free tours of the lighthouse all day long. A certificate will be awarded to all who make the trek to the top.

On the grounds of the Biloxi Chamber there will be food, entertainment and a wonderful array of lighthouse arts, crafts and memorabilia.

The event will also be used by the Biloxi Chamber to unveil its new Biloxi Lighthouse afghan. The afghan is the brainchild of Chamber Director Harry B. Joachim and features the artwork of local artist Mary Moran.

The Biloxi lighthouse is centered on the two-ply all-cotton afghan with other local lighthouses making up the border.

Orders for the afghans are being take now for Christmas delivery.

To secure tickets for the dinner cruise or to get more information about the lighthouse celebration, call 374-2717.

### Dining, sightseeing cruise to begin in December

The upcoming launch of the dinner cruise yacht StarShip will unveil a unique, non-gaming attraction to the flourishing Mississippi Gulf Coast tourism industry.

The just-completed StarShip is scheduled to arrive in Biloxi the last week of November and begin offering sightseeing and dinner cruises Dec. 4. The vessel will be cruise-ready after finishing touches are completed at

The vessel, specially designed to maneuver the area's coastal waterways, is the first in a series of super yachts planned by StarShip Cruise Line, Inc.

The 180-foot vessel is designed to accommodate up to 600 passengers and seat 350 for dining during a three-hour cruise package.

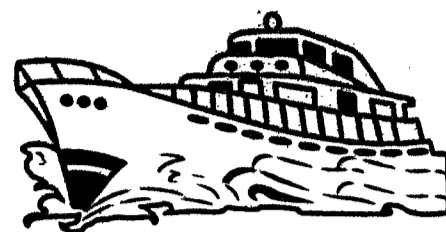
StarShip will take passengers along the coastline and/or Deer Island, which is located three miles from shore.

StarShip's dock, ticketing and boarding facilities are located at 315 Beach Boulevard, one mile east of Biloxi Small Craft Harbor. StarShip's new corporate offices are also headquartered at this location.

Prices range from \$15 for sightseeing to \$57.95 for dinner, and will vary depending on the type of cruise, time and day of week.

Charter rates for special events are available for full vessel or individual rooms on decks.

For information on ticket sales and charters, call 228-374-7475 or toll free, 877-744-7999.



### 'Jingle in the Jungle' at the Jackson Zoo

Jingle in the Jungle, sponsored by Friends of the Jackson Zoo and Red Lobster, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 4, 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. This year you can "get chili with Santa" at this festive holiday event.

Chili with all the fixings will be offered to everyone, along with many activities to get you in the holiday spirit.

Santa will be in attendance and keepsake photos will be available with the jolly ole elf for \$5 each. There will be trackless train rides for the little ones along an enchanted route through the zoo.

Space jumps, holiday crafts, face painting and children's games will add to the fun of the evening. Also, the Zoo's new

mascot, Zany Zebra will be making his first event appearance.

A special appearance will be made by the Byram School of Dance Performance Team. Also, for a contribution of \$1, visitors may have their name drawn to receive a basket of six, hard to find, TY Beanie Babies.

Admission to the event is \$3 per person for Friends of the Zoo members and \$5 per person for non-members.

Children 2 and under are free. This price includes the chili dinner and all the activities listed above (excluding Santa photos and the drawing for the Beanie Babies).

For information call: 352-2581.

### 'New Sounds of the Holidays' at Grand Casino Theatre Biloxi

The American Heart Association will present the annual holiday musical, "New Sounds of the Holidays," Dec. 2, at 8 p.m. at the Grand Casino Theatre in Biloxi. This is the annual holiday musical extravaganza's 10th year.

During the benefit's successful decade, performers, choirs, bands and local stars, have been added to the holiday performance. This year's proceeds will be donated to the American Heart Association.

Keith Ballard and David Delk will direct the musical gala. Performers include Ballard, Delk, Terese Garguilo-Evans, Karen Abernathy, Gaston Hewes, Kitty and Neil

Stallings, Angelina Davis, Rhonda Weidner, Mike Lacy, Becky Green, Tammy Turnage and many more.

The evening's hosts will be Barbara Salloum and Mike Reader of WLOX-TV Channel 13. The Grand Casino Theatre is contributing facilities, ushers, staging crew and rehearsal space.

Tickets may be purchased through the Grand Casino Biloxi Box Office, (228) 436-2804, or The Grand Casino Gulfport Box Office, (228) 870-1988.

For corporate sponsorship information, call the American Heart Association, (228) 388-6938.

### Grand Biloxi to unveil tribute to Jackie Gleason

"And away we go..." Grand Casino Biloxi and Dick Feeney Productions will present a musical comedy tribute to the great Jackie Gleason in *The Great Gleason Show*.

As one of America's most beloved entertainers and classic showmen, Gleason captivated music and TV fans with his amazing talents.

His hit TV series, the Jackie Gleason Show, was a weekly ritual for millions of Americans during the 1950's and 60's.

From his hilarious monologues and stunning June Taylor Dancers, to the wild and crazy skits like "The Honeymooners," the Jackie Gleason Show was nonstop fun and excitement! Now you can relive those amazing memories during this fabulous recreation of the original Jackie Gleason Show starring Bruce Michelson.

The talented cast of Michelson (Jackie Gleason, Ralph Kramden and many more), Andrea Wagner (Alice Kramden), Tom Wallek (Ed Norton), and Cliff Lawrence (Crazy Guggenheim), bring to life all the classic moments that made the Jackie Gleason Show so unforgettable!

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Show times: 3 p.m. Sunday and Wednesday  
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### 'Les Artistes' November Art Sale

Biloxi's next "Les Artistes en pleine aire" will be held on Saturday, Nov. 20, weather permitting. The monthly outdoor art sale is held on the third Saturday of each month 1-4 p.m. on Rue Magnolia in Biloxi's historic district across from Mary Mahoney's Restaurant and Beau Rivage Resort.

Exhibit space is free to Coast artists. The event is sponsored by the Biloxi Art Association, the City of Biloxi, the Ohr Museum and Main Street Biloxi.

Artists are provided free space to exhibit and sell their work, and are encouraged to demonstrate their techniques.

Artists interested in participating should call 255-9796 or 864-3581.

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# COMMUNITY NEWS

## Operation ABC Mobilization: America Buckles Up Children

"Spurred by the effectiveness of the past two years of nationwide enforcement waves and the resultant increase in child restraint use and drop in child fatalities, our agency is joining the other 50 states crackdown on adults who drive with unbuckled children," said Sgt. Ray Billeaud of the Hancock County Sheriff's Department.

"Along with thousands of other agencies, we will be looking for and ticketing drivers, who - despite the widespread attention to child passenger safety - still expose children to deadly risk by letting them ride unbuckled," he said.

The Hancock County Sheriff's Department has declared zero tolerance for unbuckled children in Mississippi.

"We are now also asking members of the community to adopt zero tolerance and never stand idly by when they see a child at risk in a vehicle," the sergeant said.

The Sheriff's Department will be setting up check points to ensure compliance.

## Hancock County Schools release ITBS scores

During the second week of October, all Hancock County School District third graders completed the Iowa Test of Basic Skills (ITBS) as part of the Title I Program requirements.

Results from the test indicate that third graders made gains in all areas as every district score was above the 50th percentile rank.

The biggest improvement compared to last year's scores occurred in language, with a nine-point improvement in advanced language skills and an eight-point improvement in total language.

Other improvements include a five-point improvement in advanced reading skills, a four-point improvement in total reading, a five-point improvement in advanced math skills, and a four-point improvement in total math.

The overall survey battery total improved by six points.

Charles B. Murphy, East Hancock, Gulfview and Hancock North Central elementary participated in the test.

## Gulf Coast offers course

The University of Southern Mississippi Gulf Coast campus, through the Division of Continuing Education, offers:

Nov. 20: Advanced Word 97, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$79, Gulf Park Campus

Will teach how to produce a report, additional chart techniques, work with multiple sections, set up a multiple column document, use autofill, use words drawing tools and create an on-line form.

## Pass Ladies Golf announces results

The Pass Christian Isles Ladies Golf Association Nov. 11 Odd Holes winners include:

First, Margaret Holt; second, Mary Jo Delligatti; third, Norma Kacera; fourth, Helen Farrelly; fifth, Pat Ellis and Doris Steffan; sixth, Doris Lackey, Gloria Forstall, Helen Smith and Jake Hudson; seventh, Sara Schexnayder, Jodi Mikulas and Georgia Price; eighth, Kitty Young.

Nine-holers: First, Clair Loup and Millie Shae; second, Rosemary Chaplain.



## Fourth Annual Fall Harvest hayride at Main Street UMC

Main Street United Methodist Church in Bay St. Louis held its fourth annual Fall Harvest Hayride Saturday, Oct. 30. Everyone gathered early to enjoy grilled hot dogs, hamburgers, desserts, and fellowship in the church's Multipurpose Building. Young and not-so-young members and friends of the church were invited to ride on an old-fashioned hayride through downtown Bay St. Louis and ending at the beach, where everyone was treated to an evening bonfire on the beach along the Gulf of Mexico. A great time of song and fellowship was had by all.

## Unique Christmas gifts for sale by Hope Haven

Hope Haven, the non-profit shelter for abused and neglected children, is selling two great gifts for Christmas.

They are offering a beautiful afghan for sale that was designed by renowned local artist Henry Gonzales.

The "throw" features historic buildings and scenes of Bay St. Louis and is available in navy blue, cranberry and hunter green.

These afghans are priced at \$45.00 (tax incl.) and can be purchased at Carole's and Mary's Olde Towne Restaurant, 119 Main Street in the Bay, at Atlantic Empire Antiques, 209

Hwy. 90, Bay St. Louis or by calling Hope Haven at 467-7945.

The other gift item is a special cookbook from the Pampered Chef called *The Kitchen is The Heart of The Home*.

These cookbooks are filled with sensible and tasty recipes and are \$10 (tax included). The cookbooks can be purchased at Carole's and Mary's Olde Towne, Atlantic Empire Antiques, La Coffee Cafe on Court Street, The Bungalow on Main Street and Old Books and Curiosities on Main Street. . . all in Bay St. Louis.

Cookbooks are also available by calling Hope Haven or local Pampered Chef Consultant Sarah Wittenberg at 255-9960.

"We accept checks and Visa or MasterCard," said Lois Morse, Hope Haven's secretary/bookkeeper.

"We can also arrange to send the items with a gift card for Christmas. And we will wrap them for free!"

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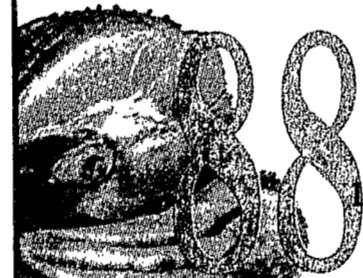
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# SPORTS

## Van Peski claims new title: *IRONWOMAN*

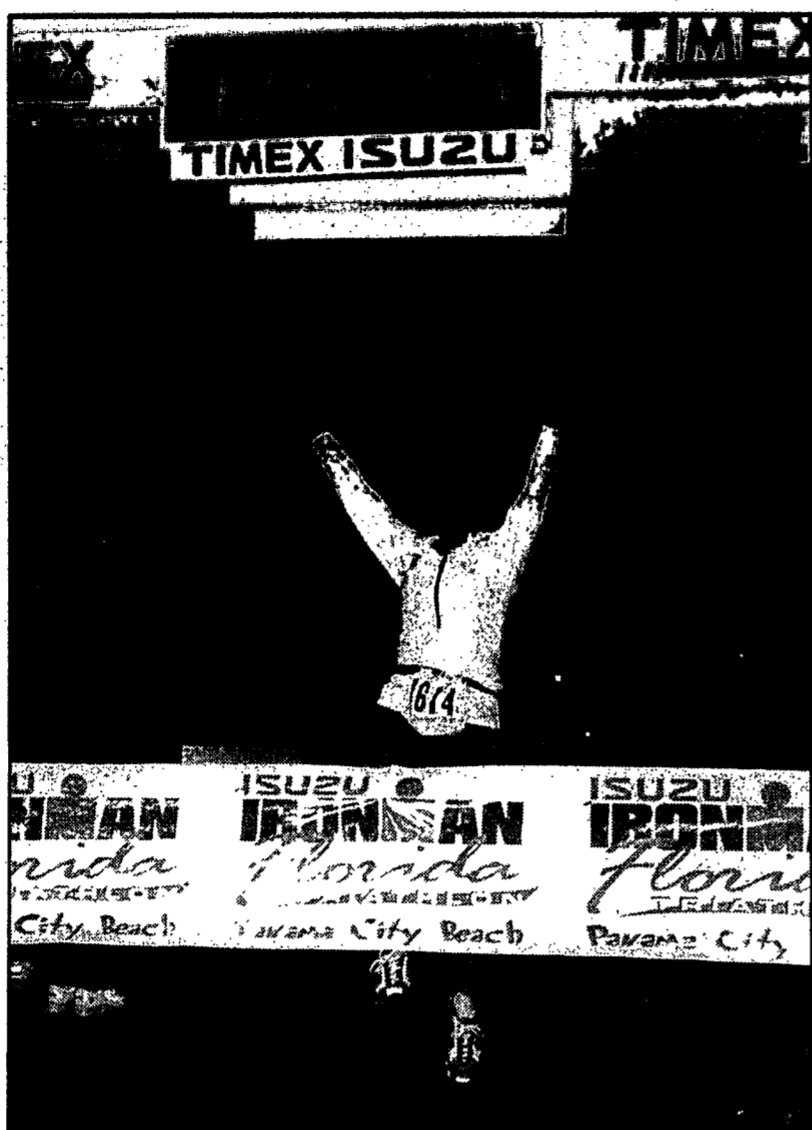
BY JOSEPH W. GEX II

Bay St. Louis native Michelle Van Peski took to the water, the bike, and the run last week in Panama City, Florida, for her shot at the Ironman World Championships in Hawaii in late December. Van Peski had set her goal to claim one of the qualifying spots in her women's age division at the competition.

While she didn't claim a spot, she finished perhaps the most grueling physical test for amateur athletes in the world. Van Peski completed her first Ironman competition. She not only completed the race, but she beat her goal time of 13:00 by more than 15 minutes. Van Peski's official time was 12:44:55. Remember that's 12 hours and 44 minutes!

During the grueling day, Van Peski swam 2.4 miles, biked 112 miles, and ran 26.2 miles. Her age group had 71 competitors and she finished 51st in her age division. Van Peski admits that there was some heavy competition in her division but was elated with her finish. Van Peski commented, "I am very pleased with my performance. I had a great day against some top-notch competitors. My goal was 13:00 hours and I beat that. I couldn't be happier."

The Germans had a contingent of athletes in the competition. Lothar Leder was the overall



Michelle Van Pelski crosses the finish line

winner finishing the race in 8:26:27. The Germans, as a whole, claimed nine of the top ten spots. The only non-German in the top ten was American Troy Jacobson of Lutherville, Maryland, who finished in second place with a time of 8:45:56.

A teammate of Van Peski's from California, David Ridder, finished 43rd overall defeating some of the professionals in the event.

Van Peski recalled what she felt like before the race began, "I was very nervous with a day that long ahead of me. I was very worried that I might not make it. But, I kept telling myself to race my own race and stay within myself."

I felt great on the bike and the run. I just had an incredible time during the competition."

Now that the competition is over and Van Peski is headed back to California, will there be more Ironman challenges for the new-found ironwoman.

Van Peski said she will continue to train and compete and enter new races.

However, even if she chooses not to compete in another full-Ironman competition she proved one thing to herself and the world.

Van Peski is a survivor, a competitor, and most of all, a winner.

## Davis claims 'Thunder on the Coast' Late Model race

By Melvin Breland

K. I. Davis came out on top of the field of 31 Late Models in the annual "Thunder on the Coast" two-day event at Sun Coast Speedway in Pass Christian.

He also won the last feature event to be held at Sun Coast. The track has been sold to the Bob Morel family and Skip Cambre.

Their plans are to have test-and-tune days in February and open the last Saturday of the month at Mississippi Motorsports Park.

The action got underway Friday night with Ricky Hankins of Purvis turning in the fastest qualifying time, which was no surprise as Hankins has dominated this track for the past two years.

Hankins, K. I. Davis of Poplarville, another driver who has a history of winning on this oval, Jim McDuffie of Meridian, who is the current track record holder, and George Paul of Star, Miss., were all heat race winners.

This placed Hankins and Davis on the front row, while McDuffie and Paul shared the second row for Saturday night's feature. The top four finishers in heat race competition also advanced to the feature.

Saturday night's action began with a last chance race, with the top four making the feature lineup. Hankins and Davis led the thundering group of late models to the green flag feature, but the race had to be restarted with a second attempt.

Davis got the jump on Hankins and never looked back as he blistered the quarter mile oval for 40 laps. Hankins kept constant pressure on Davis while holding off a hard charging McDuffie, but could not find a way around Davis.

Hankins was able to hold on to the second spot, although he did make a serious bobble with only a couple of laps remaining. D. G. Hawkins of Satsuma, Ala., managed to make a pass on McDuffie, but both got a little out of shape allowing Bo Williams of Jackson to move into the third spot behind Hankins.

Curt Lipsey of Hammond finished in the sixth spot behind McDuffie. Keith Talley, Bubba Schonewitz and Erick Gorville made it to the top five before mechanical problems

sent them to the pits.

Donald Parker of Gulfport won the 20-lap Pro Stock feature in green to checkers fashion by holding off a persistent Mike Ladner. Parker and Ladner, along with Mark Dillard, all won Friday night heat races.

Although Dillard started on the front row he was unable to take advantage as he lost several positions during the race. Mitchell Williams was in the third spot followed by Jeremy Broadus, but the two got together in turn four causing Williams to leave the action with steering problems.

Ronnie Roberts managed to move past Broadus for the third spot while Bobby Dunn worked his way from the rear to a fifth place finish.

The Street Stock feature was one of the most contested races of the night, with heat race winners Punkin Taylor, Lonnie Scarbrough, Billy Riles and Rodney Barber battling for position. Riles fell victim to mechanical problems, while Barber managed to move past both Taylor and Scarbrough to take the lead. Taylor managed to hold onto the second spot over Scarbrough and Bubba Trotter with Noah Daspt rounding out the top five.

Michael McFaddin made it a clean sweep in the Rookie division by winning both heat and feature races. Bob Curry finished second over Jeremy Earl and Brandon Peoples.

## Carey College offers baseball camp

The annual Bobby Halford Baseball Camp will be held Dec. 29 - 31 on the Carey campus in Hattiesburg from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. each day.

The camp will feature John Stephenson, former WCC coach, who currently coaches in the New York Mets system.

Last season he guided the Columbia, South Carolina team of the South Atlantic League to a division title. A player for eight years in the major leagues, he has conducted clinics all across the country.

The camp is for ages 7 to 17 and will include fundamental aspects of all phases of the game with individualized instruction. Cost of the session is \$90 which includes instruction, noon meals, and camp T-shirt.

Head Coach Bobby Halford has directed WCC baseball teams to eleven regional tournaments in the past fourteen seasons. He recorded his 500th career win last season.

His teams have won ten conference and eight district championships in the past 12 seasons. In 1990 and 1995, he was Southwest Regional Coach of the Year and a finalist for NAIA National Coach of the Year.

Other instructors will include Seattle Mariner outfielder Adrian Myers, Evansville Otter pitcher Mark Davis, and former all-time WCC base stealing leader Mike Dumas.

Applications may be obtained by calling the baseball office at 601-582-6110 or write Bobby

Halford, William Carey College, 498 Tuscan Avenue, Hattiesburg, MS 39401-5499.

## SSC seventh grade moves to 2-0

The seventh grade basketball team at St. Stanislaus added another 'w' to the column to move to 2-0 on the season.

The seventh grade Rocks doused the St. John Eagles 33-19 last Friday evening.

Jay Spell led the Jr. Rocks with 13 points while Ramsey Shawa added 10 points.

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The Tigers disposed of the Hawks in boys action 67-45.

On the same night, SSC whisked away the Vancleave Bulldogs 70-34 and the Lady

The St. Stanislaus Rock-  
chaws claimed the tournament  
title with a tough 56-40 win  
over the Bay High Tigers. Zeke  
Davis scored 17 points and  
grabbed eight boards in the win.  
J.R. Willis added 13 points and

Results were not available game at press time.

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Nov. 16	Pascagoula	Home	6:30
Nov. 19 Var.	St. John	Home	5:30/7:00
Nov. 23 Var.	Hancock	Home	5:30/7:00
Nov. 26-27	MS-LA Challenge	Home	TBD
Nov. 29	Gulfport	Away	6:00
Dec. 3	Petal	Away	7:00
Dec. 7	Picayune	Home	7:30*
Dec. 10	Oak Grove	Away	6:30
Dec. 17	Bay High	Away	7:30*
Dec. 20 Var.	Harrison Central	Home	12:00/1:30
Dec. 22	St. Thomas Aquinas	Away	1:00
Dec. 28-29	Harrison Centr. Tourn.	Away	TBD
Jan. 4 9/7:00	Bay High/Petal JV/Var.	Home	
Jan. 7-8	Millsaps Tournament	Away	TBD
Jan. 11	Oak Grove	Home	6:00/7:30
Jan. 14	Picayune	Away	6:00
Jan. 17	Biloxi	Away	7:30*
Jan. 20	Hancock	Away	7:30
Jan. 21-22	Hattiesburg JV Tourn.	Away	TBD
Jan. 26 Var.	St. Margin	Home	5:30/7:00
Jan. 28 Var.	Bay High	Home	5:30/7:00
Feb. 1 Var.	Long Beach	Away	5:30/7:00
Feb. 5	First Round Playoffs		
Feb. 8	Second Round Playoffs		
Feb. 11	State Semi-Finals		
Feb. 12	State Finals		
indicates OLA game at 5:30			

Marshbarger, Chrisman and Meyers added another each. Ellen Ladner earned the shutout in goal. Meyers, Julie

**Y JOSEPH W. GEX II**

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Douglas Jerrold  
Jesus replied: "Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and mind."

Matthew 22:37

Love: It is the greatest thing that God can give us, for God himself is love. Love is the greatest thing we can give to God, for it will also give ourselves and carry with it all that is ours.

Jeremy Taylor

Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God. Every one who loves has been born of God and knows God.

1 John 4:7

Scripture does not prohibit anyone from reaching for the heights; it only specifies that it be done for the glory of God.

From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the Lord is to be praised.

Psalms 113:3

The CYO group meets each Sunday at 9:30 a.m. at St. Ann's in Clermont Harbor.

The evening mass at St. Ann's will be at 4 p.m. each week until next spring.

Sunday morning mass remains the same at 8.

There are CCD classes each Monday afternoon at St. Ann's at 3:30 p.m.

The original St. Ann Church was dedicated Nov. 16, 1912.

## St. Joseph Catholic Church, Pearlington, November events

November is the month in the Catholic church where the saints are remembered as well as all souls who have lived before us. Masses are said for deceased relatives and friends during this month.

### Monthly Mass Schedule

Weekly Masses follow the rosary, which begins at 8 a.m.

Sunday Mass is at 10:30 a.m. The Sacrament of Confession before each Sunday Mass.

### November Healing Mass

A special mass for healing will be held at 2 p.m. Nov. 28. Guest speaker will be Babsie Bleasdel of Trinidad. Bleasdel can currently be seen on EWTN in a series entitled "Refurbishing the Soul."

CCD classes meet every Sunday at 9:15 a.m. in the church hall.

**Mondays:** CYO meetings are held every Monday at 7 p.m. Ages 12 through 18 are invited. Meetings are in the church hall.

**Tuesdays:** The Parish Council meets the first Tuesday of each month at 7 p.m. in the rectory.

**Wednesdays:** St. Joseph Devotions will be held each week before the Morning Mass. Adult education classes every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

For information, call the church office at 533-7968.

**Thursdays:** Choir practice at 7 p.m. in the parish hall.

**Fridays:** Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament 2-7 p.m. Benediction follows at 7 p.m.

**A Christmas Raffle:** Tickets are now on sale for the Christmas raffle. The winning ticket will be drawn Dec. 12 at the parish Christmas party.

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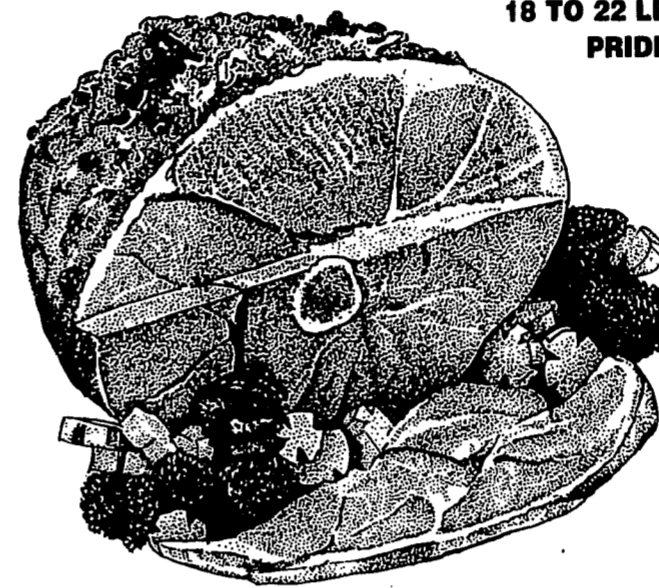
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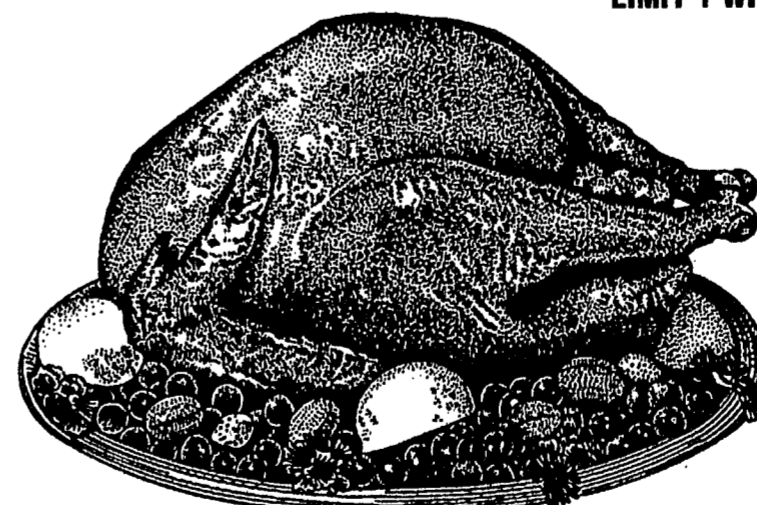
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